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PREFATORY NOTE

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As in the previous Volumes of the Series, difficult or obsolete terms have been explained in the foot-notes. An introduction has also been written, describing in the main the events or transactions recorded in both the Volumes and a table of shipping has been appended, covering the whole year.

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INTRODUCTION.

The Conference at Sadras which met early in January 1754 proved abortive and did not even provide a breathing time for the English and the French. Hostilities continued in the South marked indeed by no notable victory but by restless anxiety until the arrival of Godeheu, the truce of October and the treaty of December. Till about the middle of the year the prospects of the English were not only gloomy but full of danger. The Nawab and his brothers did nothing to strengthen their hands. Mahfuz Khan promised but refused to march to the aid of Muhammad' Ali, though he was supported by a strong detachment and supplied with funds to discharge the arrears to his troops. Abdul Wahab Khan collected whatever revenues he could only to squander them on his worthless followers. The Nawab could not collect an efficient army. Lawrence had at no time a force equal in numbers to that of the French to gain over them any decisive victory. The difficulties of provisioning Trichinopoly increased owing to the sudden incursions of the enemy, the disputes between the Tondiman and the Maravar and the concealed but bitter hostility of Succojee, the Prime Minister at Tanjore. Manoji, the brilliant Anglophil General was, as soon as he drove the Marathas from Tanjore, dismissed by the King. Rumours said that Salabat Jang with a French force would come into the Carnatic to settle affairs at Arcot. The Nawab's debt to the Company was steadily increasing, in July it was estimated at about 35 lacs of rupees. The Company at Home were pressing for peace to re-establish their trade on a prosperous footing. It is these factors that continually vexed Saunders and his Council and impelled them to propose peace to the Dalavai even at the cost of losing Trichinopoly provided he reimbursed them their expenses, granted them concessions in trade, settled a jaghir on the Nawab, entered into an alliance with him and agreed to assist him in establishing his authority in the Carnatic, to renounce alliance with the French and to draw off Morari Rao from them. But Lawrence stoutly opposed this policy ; the Nawab himself did not relish it, the King of Tanjore dreaded it. And happily the time soon arrived when its adoption became no longer necessary. The ravages of the enemy into the villages of Tondiman and thence into the rich plains of Tanjore, their reduction of Killecotta and Coiladdy, their destruction of the dykes of the Cauvery which regulated the water supply of Tanjore combined with the diplomacy of Palk compelled the King to dismiss Succojee and to reinstate Manoji with full powers as Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the army. Morari Rao, the Maratha, the prime cause of destruction was bribed to repair to his own dominions. Lawrence with his army arrived just in time to Tanjore to restore confidence in the King and thereafter a united front was offered to the enemy on the plains of Trichinopoly. Ships from Home which by this time began to arrive, bringing recruits and treasure considerably relieved the situation. Certain territories belonging to the Nawab were acquired to effect a reduction in his debts. Then came Godeheu with proposals of peace and Dupleix departed discomfited and disgraced. The cession of Trichinopoly was therefore abandoned, a three months truce was first concluded on the 11th October and a provisional treaty on the 31st December with a truce to continue till the treaty was ratified by the two Companies at Home[1].

Such is the political background of the public activities of the Government described in these Consultations. These activities embraced military matters also, such as the dispatch of troops to the camp, the regulation of the King's troops and the squadron. The King's troops gave a good deal of trouble.

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[1] Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Dept.
Orme, R.—History of Indostan, 4th Edition, Vol. I, pages 337–379.
Cambridge, R.O.—War in India, 1750–60, pages 58–76.
Dodwell, H.—Calendar of Madras Despatches, 1744–55, pages 218, 219, 247–252.
Ananda Ranga Pillai's Diary, Vol. IX, pages 1–132.

Colonel Adlercron, their Commander-in-Chief, demanded extensive privileges which, if granted in full, would have degraded the Company's authority. He had to be handled dexterously as also Colonel Scott who, though called from Bengal to relieve Lawrence, forgot his duty and launched into a diatribe against the management of the Company's works. Both offered much opposition; both created much discontent in the services and even in the Council. Besides these two episodes the Consultations describe the measures devised to prop up the declining investment, to regulate the diminishing finances, to redress the grievances of the people, to uphold the much censured Mayor's Court, to supervise and direct the infant settlement at Negrais and the recently remodelled settlement of Sumatra.

In all this storm and stress Saunders stands out supreme and triumphant. The same courage, constancy and determination which inspired him to defend the Company's rights and privileges against foreign dangers inspired him to protect the prestige of its Government through all domestic vicissitudes. This being the last year of his rule, for he handed over charge to Pigot in January 1755, it behoves us briefly to describe his career, to analyse his character and to assess his achievements as Governor.

He started his career at Bencoolen where he arrived from England on the *Enfield* on the 14th July 1732[1]. He was then about nineteen, the usual age when the Company's servants sought employment in the East. For two years he served as writer there and then requested and obtained permission to come over to Madras. We are informed that he sailed from Bencoolen on the ship *George* in July 1734[2], and that he was given the usual passage allowance of 20 pagodas from Bencoolen and the writer's pay at £5 a year at Madras. Here he served as a writer to the Accountant and was two years later made Factor (July 1737)[3]. In 1738 we find him a Sub-Accountant "in the room of Mr. Appleby deceased[4]." In 1739 he "the only Covenant Servant coming of age this year delivers in his covenants executed and nominates Messrs. Thomas Saunders and Thomas Hickman for his securities[5]." Next year saw him second of Council at Vizagapatam, and in his place in Madras was appointed Cornelius Goodwin[6] who was to be nominated the Mayor in the Charter of 1753[7]. At Vizagapatam he took charge from John Stratton, but soon after, when in 1743, Richard Prince was appointed there as Chief, he was ordered to Ingeram as Resident. He took up his duties in Ingeram in October 1743[8]. In 1744 he was Senior Merchant[9]. About three years later, in 1748, he was appointed by the Directors as the fifth of Council at Fort St. David where the seat of the Presidency was then situated[10]. But he still for a time continued as Resident at Ingeram and then became Chief at Vizagapatam where he arrived in December 1749[11]. In July 1750 the *Lynn* arrived from England with a despatch from the Company appointing him as the Governor of Fort St. David[12]. Thus at the age of 37[13] he was called upon to grapple with the most difficult situation about to be created by the fall of Nasir Jang and the simultaneous rise of the star of Dupleix to its meridian. He took up charge as Governor in September 1750[14] and from that time till January 1755 offered with all vehemence his best for the service of the Company.

He was by nature a cold, stern, silent and perhaps an unsociable man. But he was endowed with a warm heart full of sympathy for the suffering and the poor. He appeared negligent of those arts which grace the conversation and

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1 See Letters to Fort St. George, 1732, page 7.
2 See Letters to Fort St. George, 1735, page 24.
3 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1736, page 203.
See Fort St. George Consultations, 1737, page 146.
4 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1738, page 128.
5 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1739, page 27.
6 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1740, page 28.
7 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1753, page 198.
8 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1743, pages 25, 121, 181.
9 See Fort St. George Consultations, 1744, page 222.
10 See Fort St. David Consultations, 1748, pages 123, 124.
11 See Letters to Fort St. David, 1748–49, page 11.
12 See Fort St. David Consultations, 1750, page 165.
13 See Fort St. David Consultations, 1748, page 240.
14 See Fort St. David Consultations, 1750, page 200.

take away the sting of a refusal. He did not possess sufficient tact and suavity and he never in the least affected the character of an orator[1]. But if we may judge from his writings, he had some talent for sarcasm and he not seldom employed quite unconsciously a natural rhetoric. The reports of the West Coast Committee over which he presided show that he had a style at once fertile and vigorous, not wanting in embellishments, frank, direct and carrying conviction in almost every sentence[2]. The same gift of direct expression, of frankness in intercourse is noticeable in his Country Correspondence, in his letters addressed to the Nawab and other Country Powers[3]. His correspondence with Dupleix (French correspondence) illustrates the other qualities of his mind. He could meet cleverness with ingenuity, subterfuge with subtlety, arguments with counter-arguments. But from chance epithets scattered in his proceedings we learn that he hated bombast, pomposity and longwindedness. Indeed in his intercourse with his allies and subordinates he never beat about the bush, he always went straight to the point. To these mental equipments he added a burning zeal for the Company's service and a tenacity which rarely knew any obstacles. When he set his heart on an object he never rested until he had accomplished it.

He served the Company for more than four critical years with consummate skill and ability. He displayed an uncanny insight into the political calculus of his able and determined rival. He, more than anybody else, was responsible for the frustration of the grandiose schemes of Dupleix. For every move made by Dupleix he made a counter-move on the political chess-board of the Carnatic[4]. It was here that he sent Clive and Lawrence and formed combinations with the King of Tanjore and the Tondiman to counteract the French activities and their alliances with the Dalavai and the Marathas. It was here that Chanda Sahib was defeated and the cause of Muhammad' Ali defended on the battlefield. It was here that he concentrated, put forth all his exertions, employed all the resources of the Company[5]. Not that he was unmindful or ignorant of the French schemes in the Deccan. He knew the helplessness of the Nizam. He beheld the growing ascendancy of Bussy. He encouraged and instigated Shanavaz Cawn, Jaffar Ali and Vizairam Razu to put up a determined opposition to the French[6]. Beyond this, however, he did not proceed for the precise reason that he did not feel justified in employing the English forces in two separate far-off theatres of warfare when those forces were invariably smaller than the forces which the French could command in the Carnatic alone, and when he realized that a decisive French victory in the Carnatic implied a certain ruin to the Company's settlements on the Coast. He was the first to foresee that the cause of Muhammad' Ali was the cause of the English, that the prosperity or adversity of the one was intimately bound up with the prosperity or adversity of the other. Hence it was that he supported the Nawab with all the men and money at his disposal and refused to buy peace at Sadras, unless Dupleix acknowledged the Nawab's authority[7]. It was only when the clouds gathered thick, when in spite of Lawrence's victories the strength of the enemy seemed inexhaustible, that he proposed to detach the Dalavai and to bind him to the Company and the Nawab by ceding to him Trichinopoly. This involved some sacrifices on the part of the Nawab but he regarded these sacrifices necessary in order that larger sacrifices might be avoided, and the French robbed of a powerful ally and overthrown[8]. This policy might no doubt be questioned, charged with inconsistency on the ground that it implied weakening the Nawab instead of strengthening him and giving up the prestige gained at the cost of so

[1] See e.g. the brief speech he is reported to have made on the inauguration of the Mayor's Court and other Courts of Justice on 24th August 1753.

[2] See the reports of the West Coast Committee in Public Consultations dated 8th October 1753 and 7th October 1754.

[3] See Country Correspondence volumes for 1750–51, 1753, 1755.

[4] The reader is referred to the Military Consultation and French Correspondence volumes of the period.

[5] See Diary and Consultation Books, 1752, 1753 and 1754, Military Department.

[6] See Diary and Consultation Books, 1753 and 1754, Military Department.

[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, Military Department, page 207 *sqq*.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 22 *sqq*.

[8] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 55, 62 *sqq*, 71, 76–78, 94–96, 104–106, 144–147, 159, 173–175.

much blood and treasure, instead of pursuing it. But it was an inconsistency which he might well plead was justified by stern political necessity, for without recourse to it he descried no prospects either for the Company or for the Nawab, engaged as they were with diminishing resources in a protracted struggle with the Dalavai and Dupleix. When circumstances changed, when fresh supplies came from Europe he attempted to organise a vast scheme to overthrow the French in the Arcot country[1]. But when Godeheu proposed peace he accepted it, securing in fact for the Nawab and the Company the *status quo* and a breathing space within which to recoup themselves and to muster all their strength for the coming struggle of the Seven Years' War[2].

While thus in the field of politics he showed himself pre-eminent, in the field of finance, of commerce and of general administration, he exhibited talents worthy of a great statesman and wise administrator. He husbanded all the resources of the State, controlled all sources of revenue and collected the maximum income without provoking any undue opposition, with scarcely any injustice. He kept a strict watch over the Company's expenditure, restrained waste, corrected irregularities and in so doing reprimanded and punished even highly placed officials at the risk of unpopularity[3]. He devised a series of measures to meet the most difficult situation created by the scarcity of gold and the depreciation of silver[4]. In a period of utter discouragement he encouraged, as far as he could, the Company's investment both at Madras and at the subordinate settlements. In his dealings with the Company's merchants he combined frankness with strictness, sympathy with resentment. He acknowledged their difficulties, he never failed to advance them when money was available ; but he insisted that they should not neglect their business, or take advantage of general unrest to deceive the Company[5]. He took a deep and abiding interest in all institutions and matters touching the welfare of the people. Under his regime the Mayor's Court was re-established, fostered with every care, protected against calumnies and upheld with dignity[6]. Under his regime the Coffrees were treated with humanity[7], many comforts and conveniences were afforded to the sick in the hospital and the surgeons were rebuked for misconduct and mismanagement[8]. Under his regime the poor were relieved of the exactions of the rich, of the farmers and the unscrupulous[9]. Under his regime many caste disputes were settled and public peace was maintained[10]. Under his regime the Roman Catholics, though highly under the displeasure of the Company, were given some concessions[11]. Nor was this all. It was during his rule that a Powder Mill was built at Madras and the entire system of the management of the Company's works was remodelled[12]. It was during his rule that some territories were added to the Company's possessions and others acquired by mortgage to liquidate the debts of the Nawab[13]. It was again during his rule that two new schemes were taken up ; Negrais was explored and Sumatra reformed[14]. To have nurtured so many reforms and undertakings in the midst of perpetual unrest and financial embarrassments the man at the helm of the State required energy, resolution and abilities of the highest order. It was,

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[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 276 *sqq*.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 176, 177, 187, 188, 195, 201, 205, 206, 214, 215, 225–227, 233–235, 250, 256, 257, 273, 282, 283, 286–288, 290–298.

[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 282.
See Vol. 83, pages 171, 200.

[4] See Fort St. David Consultations, 1750, page 248.
See Vol. 82, pages 15, 36.

[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 139, 140.
See Vol. 82, pages 139, 140.

[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 195, 197, 198.
See pages xi–xiv of this Introduction.

[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1752, pages 165, 234.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 251.

[8] See pages x, xi of this Introduction.

[9] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 154, 400.
See pages xix, xx of this Introduction.

[10] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1752, page 80.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 154.
See Vol. 83, pages 123, 124, 133.

[11] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1752, pages 58, 59.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 210.

[12] See pages viii–x of this Introduction.

[13] See pages xviii, xix of this Introduction.

[14] See Introduction to Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages iv to vi.
See pages xxi–xxiv of this Introduction.

indeed, fortunate for the Company that Saunders possessed these qualities and presided over the Government on the Coast during the most crucial years of their rule in India.

And yet his merits were not rewarded. No monument, statue or bust was erected in his memory, not even a portrait of his is known to exist. No account of his life was written, however meagre or modest in execution. Nothing has been handed down to posterity recounting his achievements save the proceedings of the Government of that eventful period. Except for a few glimpses scattered here and there in the histories of Orme and Wilks we are forced to depend upon the records alone to form an estimate of his character. And this was because, it would seem, for two reasons. His silent and reserved nature made him shun the glare of publicity ; he was not the type of that statesman who would bawl out his virtues through a megaphone. His strictness, his sense of duty before everything, compelled him to take rigorous measures, made him unpopular, a man always to be avoided and dreaded, rather than loved and admired. Had he a little more tact and less of reticence he would have disarmed some opponents, especially Lawrence. As it was he faced opposition, from Lawrence almost from the beginning[1], from others particularly during the last year of his rule[2]. But, if his Council, his contemporaries in India, gave him little credit openly, though in secret they seem to have acknowledged his abilities, the Directors before whom his proceedings were periodically laid, could have supplied the omission. They had, they said, "a great dependance upon his abilities ",[3] but they did not reward his services just as they rewarded those of Lawrence or Clive.

Up till August his colleagues in the Council remained the same as before, Boddam, Powney, Wynch, Smith and Bourchier. On the 29th of that month the *Anson* arrived from England with a packet addressed to Thomas Saunders, President and Governor, George Pigot, Alexander Heron, Richard Starke, Charles Boddam, Henry Powney, Robert Orme, Foss Westcott, Alexander Wynch, William Percival, Thomas Cooke, John Smith and Charles Bourchier[4]. Percival who was in Madras was admitted into the Council early in September[5]. Pigot who was the Chief of the Council at Vizagapatam was directed to come at once to take charge of the Deputy Governorship of Fort St. David. Boddam was appointed to succeed Pigot at Vizagapatam[6]. Westcott continued as Resident at Ingeram, Starke and Cooke as Deputy Governor and Councillor respectively at Fort St. David. On the 12th arrived Major Heron and Orme on the *Warren*[7]. They took their seats at the Council Board the very next day[8]. Pigot came on the 16th October[9] and remained in Madras till the end of the year, Saunders having intimated his desire to return Home by the first opportunity[10].

The supply of troops to the camp was one of the primary considerations of the Government. During the early part of the year several parties were sent *via* Fort St. David to Devicotta, to repair to the scene of action at the first call from Lawrence[11]. Letters from Fort St. David and Devicotta abstracted in these volumes contain many references to the movement of troops. It was not, however, till May that the disparity of the English troops in the field as compared to the French troops about which Lawrence so frequently complained to the Presidency, began perceptibly to improve. It was then that reinforcements from Bombay arrived consisting of British troops as well as Topasses[12] and Caliquilon sepoys[13] (noted, it was said, for bravery) from Tellicherry[14]. The Bombay detachment under Captain Forbes was joined with a detachment

[1] See Lawrence's letters in Military Consultations for 1753 and 1754.
[2] See e.g. Vol. 82, pages 161–163.
[3] See Dodwell, H.-Calendar of the Madras Despatches, 1744–55, page 227.

NOTE—The reader is also referred to the "Brief Sketch of the Character and Achievements of Thomas Saunders" by Dr. B.S. Baliga—printed in Indian Historical Records Commission Proceedings, Vol. XV, pages 45-53.

[4] See Vol. 83, pages 119, 120.
[5] See Vol. 83, page 120.
[6] See Vol. 83, pages 120, 121.
[7] See Vol. 83, page 145.
[8] See Vol. 83, page 146.
[9] See Vol. 83, page 205.
[10] See Vol. 83, page 245.
[11] See Vol. 82, pages 2, 14, 15, 33, 34.
[12] Indo-Portuguese employed as soldiers.
[13] Mapilla soldiers.
[14] See Vol. 82, pages 134, 187, 188, 200, 201; Vol. 83, pages 2, 3.

under Captain Campbell, and the combined force was directed to accompany Mahfuz Khan from Conjeeveram to the camp *via* Devicotta[1]. But Mahfuz Khan, in spite of the assistance sent him and the money advanced him, refused to march further than Fort St. David, alleging that the half a lac of rupees advanced him was quite insufficient to pay his arrears to his troops, and insisting that the other half a lac which was promised him on his arrival at Devicotta should be paid at Fort St. David itself[2]. And when this was done he still refused to hurry and wasted time levying contributions in his brother's territory when Lawrence was anxiously waiting for him at Tanjore to restore confidence in the King, to re-establish the English ascendancy at his Court, and to induce Manoji to march to the aid of Trichinopoly[3]. It is a sad commentary on the distracted affairs of Muhammad' Ali that his own brothers who had everything to gain or lose by the success or failure of his cause, never paid the least attention to his affairs. While Mahfuz Khan promised but never came to his rescue, Abdul Wahab Khan quarrelled with the Nawab's amuldars and employed himself in raising money for himself and his followers[4]. Fortunately, however, the arrival of the reinforcements under Forbes and Campbell and the other circumstances which we have already noticed prompted the King of Tanjore to join heartily with the English and so enabled Lawrence to drive away the enemy from the field of Trichinopoly to their retreat at Srirangam[5]. From May, every ship that came from England brought recruits for the Coast. Part of them were landed in Madras[6] and trained and part were landed at Fort St. David[7]. But it is worth noting that their numbers were not very considerable. In September it was calculated that they numbered only about 400, when the French had, it was supposed, 1,400 recruits and were expecting 2500[8].

The policy which the Government pursued towards the King's troops is made clear in the Military Consultations. But as the different strands of this policy are intermixed in the Public Consultations it has been deemed necessary to analyse them here. The news that the Ministry had fitted out a Squadron to India led the Government in August to make suitable arrangements for the reception of the King's Officers[9]. But when the Squadron arrived in September it was thought proper that the King's troops should be quartered near Cuddalore so as to be near the field of action[10]. Arrangements made in Madras were therefore cancelled and Fort St. David was required to accommodate them. They were to be supplied with provisions from a plentiful bazaar, their officers were to be provided with palanquins and horses. Every care was to be taken to give them no offence[11]. Starke quartered them at Manjakkuppam where the house of Reverend Kiernander was specially rented for Colonel Adlercron[12]. But Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw and Captain Hislop who were the first to arrive complained of the inconveniences in their quarters, asked for the same allowances as were paid the King's Officers in Boscawen's time, objected to Kiernander's house for the Colonel and desired the Factory House at Fort St. David. The Presidency allowed them some additional allowances and privileges but insisted that though they were to be shown all civilities, they were not to have any command in the Company's settlements and were to be treated merely as troops in quarters[13]. Herein lay the crux of the matter. For Adlercron had by then arrived armed with special powers from the Ministry to command not only the King's but also the Company's troops. It was a pity that the question of command and matters allied with it were not settled at Home by the Company. So far as their instructions to the Presidency went they scarcely touched

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[1] Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 128, 134, 136, 137, 139, 141.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 153, 159, 166, 170, 175, 177, 178, 180, 184, 185, 186.
See Vol. 83, pages 88, 89.

[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 127, 128, 134, 177, 183.

[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 161.

[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 184, 185, 189, 190, 195–197.

[6] See Vol. 83, pages 11, 24, 69, 122, 137, 159.

[7] See Vol. 83, pages 134, 150, 151, 169.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 199, 204, 214.

[8] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 197, 201.

[9] See Vol. 83, pages 109, 134.

[10] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 199.

[11] See Vol. 83, pages 147, 171.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 200.

[12] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 199, 200.

[13] See Vol. 83, pages 147, 152.

upon that thorny subject and in the circumstances Saunders felt that to consent to what was demanded by Adlercron was to relinquish authority over military matters and to that extent subject the Government to a sort of Military despotism. This was odious to any Government, the more so to Saunders and his Council when the man who came to enforce it was a novice in country politics, when things were drifting into perilous waters and the greatest caution was needed to hold the helm of State.

Adlercron promptly demanded the privileges granted to the King's troops under Boscawen, asked for full information as to the state of the Company's forces, fulminated against the refusal of Starke to comply with the returns of the garrison at Fort St. David and asserted that " there is now no other Military Authority on this Coast but what is lodged in my Hands." He held that the true business of the committee appointed by the Company to transact country affairs was to sit and deliberate near the scene of action and not at Madras, " to concert with me such Plan of operations as the Circumstances may require." To enforce his authority he sent to Saunders copies of Instructions given him by the Ministry conferring on him " command of all forces belonging to the Company."[1] In the absence of any instructions from the Company to recognize him as the Commander-in-Chief of their forces and in the belief that if such power were conferred on him " to draw every Man of the Company's Garrison there will remain with the President and Council only a shadow of Government " the Board unanimously decided that no returns of the Company's forces should be sent to him for the present, nor his orders taken as final, but to avoid disputes with him, this resolution was kept secret. Starke was directed to acquaint him verbally or by letter (but not in the form of a return) the state of the Company's forces at Fort St. David, and the Colonel was desired to come to Madras to settle all points in dispute and to concert common measures for the plan of operations[2].

But the Colonel never came. He sent his Lieutenant Bagshaw to complain of the suspension of arms agreed to by the Government without consulting him, of the insult offered to him by Starke by refusing to surrender a sepoy to be court-martialled and to enquire explicitly whether the Government recognized his title " Colonel in the King of Great Britain's Service and Commander in Chief of the Troops of the English East India Company."[3] The Government could have been considerate in regard to the first point. Saunders could have kept the Colonel informed of his negotiations with Godeheu without being guided by his advice. The second point was no doubt important as the complying with it implied in a sense the recognition of his authority over the Company's forces. But seeing that the New Act of Court Martial vested full powers in him over all forces, that point also could have been, as a special case, pending further discussion, settled to his satisfaction. The third and last point was, however, a matter of the first importance. Saunders and his Council decided that no action could be taken on it except by a full Board and waited for the arrival of Pigot and Lawrence[4]. When, however, the full Board met they learnt to their great satisfaction from Bagshaw that Adlercron had agreed to waive the general command over the Company's settlements. An agreement was now patched up to the effect that he was not to exercise any authority in the Company's garrisons and was to allow regimental courts martial to be held without applying on every occasion, in return for which the Government undertook to punish all those who misconducted themselves towards the King's troops, to recognize his title as set forth in the preamble of his Instructions, viz., " Commanding in chief of the Land forces in the East Indies " and to send him on requisition the returns of the Company's garrisons[5]. This agreement drawn up in a spirit of co-operation, conceding what was demanded as of right

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 216–221.
See Vol. 83, page 170.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 221–224.

[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 241–244.

[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 243–245.

[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 253, 254.

under certain reservations purely to shield the Company's authority, though concluded by the Lieutenant on behalf of the Colonel, was disavowed by the Colonel himself[1]. His sense of importance of his mission, his autocratic temper, induced him to disavow it ; at the same time the knowledge that he could not browbeat the Government advised him to temporise. He considered the agreement "Contradictory to His Majesty's Instructions to him" but came down to Madras and assured the Government that he would do everything in his power to promote the Company's interests. "I will not otherwise interfere in the Command of their Garrisons than I have hitherto done at this Place and at St. David."[2] It may be remarked here that Admiral Watson, on the other hand, gave no trouble to the Government during the year. He carried on the most friendly correspondence[3] and on the outbreak of the monsoon repaired with the Squadron to Bombay promising to arrive on the Coast at the first intimation of possible danger[4].

The arrival of Colonel Adlercron as the commander of the King's as well as the Company's forces and of the new Act empowering him to hold courts martial seems to have made Lawrence uneasy, as he was till then the sole commander of the Company's forces exercising the powers of courts martial[5]. It was true that the Company had highly praised his services, had secured for him the brevet of the Lieutenant Colonel of the King's force, and awarded him a sword richly set in diamonds, as a mark of their appreciation. The brevet and the sword were conferred on him when he came to the Presidency in October[6]. But he was disappointed. To have been superseded while he had so many brilliant victories to his credit, by a man who had never before set his foot in India, must have been naturally galling to him.

As in the case of the King's troops so in the case of the management of the Company's works many complaints were made to the Government. To the credit of Colonel Scott it must be said that he was actuated by motives wholly disinterested, but he was greatly misinformed and disposed to entrust the sole authority of managing the Company's works to his subordinate at Madras whom he trusted implicitly to the prejudice of others placed above him. In 1753 on his way to Bengal he had inspected the fortifications of Madras and recommended some improvements[7]. Early in 1754, on the information received from Brohier, the Engineer, he assailed the entire system of the management of the Company's works. The materials for construction were supplied partly by the Paymaster Boddam, and partly by the Storekeeper Wynch. Boddam had the monopoly of supplying bricks and chunam on contract with certain individuals not only to the Company but also to the inhabitants of the Black Town[8]. Wynch supplied stores, mostly timber out of the Company's stores or by purchase in the market[9]. Both were members of the Council and both had by the very nature of their business opportunities enough for selling the materials to the Company dear. But they had certain checks imposed on them, which Scott did not care to enquire and which appear to have restrained them from abusing their authority. The Board periodically inspected and passed their accounts. The Engineer always employed two of his men at the brick kilns to pick up the best bricks for the Company's works[10]. Scott complained that the want of materials, bricks and chunam, and the small size and bad quality of bricks were chiefly due to the vicious system on which the business was conducted. He urged that the Engineer must have full powers to inspect the brick kilns, that all persons should be freely permitted to make bricks and to import chunam and that a larger number of coolies should be employed on the works[11]. On this representation Saunders and his Council issued public notice that everyone

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1 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 266.

2 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 274.

3 See e.g. Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 215.

4 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 207–209, 227, 228, 237, 238.

5 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 201–204. See Vol. 83, page 148.

6 See Vol. 83, page 216.

7 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 207, 224, 226, 227.

8 See Vol. 82, pages 175–178.

9 See Vol. 82, pages 175, 178.

10 See Vol. 82, pages 177, 178.

11 See Vol. 82, page 42.

was at liberty to make bricks of the standard size (fixed by Robins) and to import chunam, and that the Paymaster should receive and pay for them. As for the coolies they considered that all methods had been tried to attract them and nothing more therefore could be done at present[1].

The matter, however, did not rest here. When in April Scott came to Madras[2] he urged that the measures he had advocated for Madras should be adopted at Fort St. David also[3]. The Government was indeed not inclined to discourage reforms. To consider the best method for supplying materials they appointed a committee consisting of Scott, Boddam and Bourchier[3]. But Scott did not co-operate with his colleagues. He declined entering into discussion and shortly after died on the 12th May[4]. He had, however, left behind him a letter addressed to the Government full of wild complaints. He had complained that both the Paymaster and Storekeeper had supplied materials at a high price ; that the Paymaster was in the habit of selling the best bricks to the inhabitants of the Black Town and only the damaged ones to the Company. He had reiterated his opinion with some utopian additions that materials of all sorts should be bought by the Company in a public manner under the oaths of the purchaser and the seller that no private gains had been made in the bargain. He had observed that the charges of the Company's works had been greatly swelled by paying the coolies in fanams at the rate of 36 fanams to a pagoda when the current rate of exchange was 43 fanams to a pagoda[5]. Boddam, the Paymaster, categorically denied having charged exorbitant prices, maintained that he had supplied only the best bricks to the Company and pointed out that two of the bricklayers of the Engineer were always at the kilns to pick and choose them. He was sure that none would contract with the Company unless he was given exclusive right of supplying bricks not only to the Company but also to the public. There was only one poligar who prepared chunam, and he had bought chunam from him and charged the Company at the same rate it was purchased[6]. Wynch, the Storekeeper, likewise asserted that he had supplied only a small quantity of timber purchased by him to the Company and that at the cost price[7].

These charges and denials called for strict investigation. It was also necessary to consider the ways and means for conducting the Company's works with economy and in the meantime to supply them with materials. For these purposes the Government appointed a Standing Committee consisting of Powney, Smith and Brohier[8] (May) and on the report of this Committee[9] passed a series of regulations. All persons were to be at liberty to make bricks and chunam. They were to deliver proposals to the Committee by the 1st July. Persons with whom the Committee contracted were to have the sole privilege of making and vending bricks in the Madras district, under such restrictions as the Committee might impose. The Engineer was to draw up annually or oftener indents for materials required for the works. These were to be scrutinized, valued and certified to the Storekeeper and the Paymaster who were to pay the same on such certificates alone and not otherwise. To avoid confusion the Paymaster was to keep his accounts in the standard exchange rate of fanams and not in the current rate which changed from time to time ; but he was to write off the difference at the foot of the accounts[10].

These reforms by no means closed the controversy. Brohier in a letter addressed to the Board attested to the truth of all the charges levelled by Scott against Boddam[11]. Boddam denied these with vehemence and asserted that the Engineer's motive seemed to be nothing short of securing the entire management of the Company's works[12]. The Government again appointed a committee-Powney, Smith and Bourchier—to examine and report on these charges and

[1] See Vol. 82, page 43.
[2] See Vol. 82, page 133.
[3] See Vol. 82, page 147.
[4] See Vol. 82, pages 161, 170, 172.
[5] See Vol. 82, pages 173, 175, 176.
[6] See Vol. 82, pages 173, 176–178.
[7] See Vol. 82, pages 173, 178.
[8] See Vol. 82, page 173.
[9] See Vol. 82, pages 189, 193, 194.
[10] See Vol. 82, pages 189, 190.
[11] See Vol. 82, page 190; Vol. 83, pages 24, 26–38.
[12] See Vol. 83, pages 53, 56–66.

counter-charges[1]. It is unnecessary to pursue the matter further. No substantial charge was proved against Boddam, while Wynch was exculpated from the charge brought against him[2]. But in July the Committee of works reported that none had come forward with proposals for supplying bricks or chunam. The Company's works were at a stand and for this reason they had, they stated, asked several poligars to submit proposals for supplying chunam, but as to the bricks they recommended that they could be made at the Company's expense[3]. The Government agreed to these proposals and advanced money to the Committee to undertake the work[4]. From this time onwards the supplying of materials for the works became the sole duty of the Committee which was periodically advanced money for that purpose[5].

The construction of the Powder Mill at the Egmore Redoubt begun in 1753[6] was completed in 1754. During the early part of the year bullocks were purchased to be trained to work at the Mill[7] and piles of Erk-wood were obtained from Devicotta to prepare charcoal[8]. Gunpowder was first manufactured in the New Mill in August. John De Roos the overseer promised 500 lbs. daily provided a drying room were built[9]. William Bishop, the Superintendent of the Powder works, represented this addition as a necessity and suggested the construction of a Rolling stone Mill on the English pattern to provide a continuous supply of powder[10]. The Government referred these matters to Brohier for opinion[11]. He approved the drying room but proposed that the Rolling stone Mill might be erected in Fort St. David[12]. The Government ordered the room to be built and considering that if one Mill was damaged the other should always be ready at hand, directed both Bishop and Brohier to look out for a proper place for its erection in Madras itself[13]. For the great part of the year Madras was still largely dependent for supplies on Bombay, Bengal[14] and Europe[15]. The quality of the powder sent from Bengal in 1754 seems to have improved. Bengal reported that Colonel Scott had pronounced their manufacture superior to that of Bombay, and that they would not fail to supply whatever quantity was indented for the Coast[16]. Indeed the Bombay manufacture was utterly useless. Fort St. David wrote that it had entirely to be re-made before it could be used, and requested for Europe gunpowder[17].

The conduct of the surgeons and the management of the hospital did not escape the attention of the Government. Nineteen of the Company's servants petitioned in May against Andrew Munro, one of the surgeons and his mate for having insulted James Alexander, one of the petitioners when he had pressed for a prescription[18]. Saunders said that he had already warned Munro and the affair was not so serious to be discussed in Council; but the majority of the members thought otherwise. Munro was therefore summoned before the Board, reminded of his duties, reprimanded and required to apologise for his misconduct. His mate was likewise warned[19]. But, though this individual affair created divisions in Council, public reforms relating to the health and comforts of the patients in the hospital received their unanimous approval. The periodical visits of the members of the Council yielded a good many reforms. On one occasion Powney having received some complaints from the patients ordered the surgeons to redress them[20]. On another, he recommended an increase in the number of coolies to attend on the patients and this was readily sanctioned by the Government[21]. On the third occasion Orme and Wynch represented that the patients were exposed to the inclemencies of the weather and complained of cold, that the steward complained that he could not prevent the sick from taking their victuals from the kitchen, that the surgeons wanted a mate and

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1 See Vol. 83, page 53.
2 See Vol. 82, page 190.
3 See Vol. 83, pages 68, 70, 71.
4 See Vol. 83, page 68.
5 See Vol. 83, pages 86, 138.
6 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 4.
7 See Vol. 82, pages 63, 71.
8 See Vol. 82, pages 61, 113, 116, 124, 133, 158.
9 See Vol. 83, pages 123, 131.
10 See Vol. 83, pages 89, 91.
11 See Vol. 83, page 89.
12 See Vol. 83, pages 123, 131.
13 See Vol. 83, page 123.
14 See Vol. 83, pages 82, 177, 200.
15 See Vol. 83, page 135.
See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 50.
16 See Vol. 82, page 35.
17 See Vol. 82, page 123.
18 See Vol. 82, pages 161, 171.
19 See Vol. 82, pages 161–163.
20 See Vol. 83, page 136.
21 See Vol. 83, page 216.

recommended Richard Thornton. They reported that they had given directions to remove some of the inconveniences but the Board should rectify the defects in the building, allow the patients additional bedding and accept the recommendation of the surgeons. The Government accepted all these suggestions, appointed the surgeon's mate, sanctioned additional bedding[1], and on the report of Brohier as to the defects in the building ordered the construction of a penthouse the entire length of the building on both sides[2]. Nor were they regardless of the food supplied to the patients. When Bourchier reported that the patients complained of the badness of bread and mutton served them, and that he had on personal inspection found both indifferent, the Government ordered that the patients should be served with rice when good bread was not procurable and required the Nawab's Vakil to write to the amuldars of the neighbouring villages to supply Madras with good sheep[3].

Turning to the administration of justice, we come across a rather unhappy state of affairs. The Mayor's Court at every step needed, sought and obtained the assistance of the President and Council to compose disputes among its Aldermen and to preserve its prestige unsullied. At the same time it showed symptoms of independence, faint, it was true, but still unreasonable and irksome to the Government. Saunders and his colleagues, however, were always zealous to protect its honour and reputation and did much to dispel a great deal of scandal in which it was enveloped.

Within a year of its existence the Mayor's Court displayed dissensions among its Aldermen. Andrew Ross complained that a malicious report had been circulated by Richard Fairfield that, in a cause between Ephraim Isaac and Edward Edwards, which came up for hearing, he had, instead of giving his own independent judgment, asked the Mayor, William Percival, what judgment Andrew Munro, another of the Aldermen had given. Ross felt that this was an assertion injurious not only to his own reputation but also to the reputation of the entire Bench[4]. Nor did the President and Council allow it to go uninvestigated. Finding that such complaints were cognizable by them they summoned Fairfield before them and asked for his explanation[5]. And as his explanation was unsatisfactory they made a detailed enquiry from the Mayor and Aldermen and came to the conclusion that the charge was totally without foundation. They therefore insisted on Fairfield to ask pardon of Ross, and this he did before the full Board and the Aldermen[6].

When this cause was still pending, another of a more serious nature had come before the President and Council. Four of the Aldermen, Percival, Edwards, Fairfield and Browning had petitioned that a false and scandalous report had been spread abroad by Ephraim Isaac (an inhabitant of Madras) casting reflection on the conduct of several of the Aldermen[7]. The President and Council had full power to receive complaints against Aldermen according to the Charter, but they had no such powers to receive complaints brought by the Aldermen against any other persons. They, however, could sit as a Court of Quarter Sessions and try the cause against Isaac as a case of misdemeanour and punish him if found guilty. But this they did not like to do, partly because they wished to pursue gentle methods, and partly because they were apprehensive that by so doing "the poison of discord" might be fomented and spread still further[8]. Isaac, on the other hand, was as astute as he was mischievous and turbulent. When called before them to explain, he defended himself by saying that as a British subject he could not be compelled to answer any question to his prejudice except in a "judicial way"[9]. When he was supplied with a copy of the charge framed by the Aldermen and asked to send in a written explanation he ridiculed the charge on the ground that it did not specify what offence he had committed—as indeed it did not[10]. And when again he was supplied with a copy of the specific charge against him that on the

[1] See Vol. 83, page 239.
[2] See Vol. 83, page 245.
See also Vol. 82, page 172.
[3] See Vol. 83, page 253.
See also Vol. 82, page 14.
[4] See Vol. 82, pages 16, 22–31.
[5] See Vol. 82, page 16.
[6] See Vol. 82, pages 37, 38, 47.
[7] See Vol. 82, pages 17, 31.
[8] See Vol. 82, page 17.
[9] See Vol. 82, pages 17, 32.
[10] See Vol. 82, pages 17, 32, 38–40.

6th January he had aspersed the character of several Aldermen by saying in the presence of two persons that Percival had given dinners to Fairfield and Browning " to make them stick by him or to that effect ",[1] he again flew off at a tangent and instead of putting up a defence wrote a scurrilous letter to the President and Council decrying the conduct of all the complainants and especially that of Percival[2]. At this stage the President and Council thought it useless to pursue the matter further by correspondence. Indeed, unwilling as they were to try him in the Court of Quarter Sessions, they could have done no more than what they did. They ordered the whole proceedings of the cause to be entered in their Consultations for the information of the Directors, exculpated Percival from the charges levelled against him by recording their good opinion of his conduct, and summoning Isaac before them severely rebuked him for his culpable conduct. Saunders warned him that if he were to commit the like offence again he could be certain that he would be shipped Home[3].

One result of this cause was to create disaffection in the Mayor's Court and to interrupt its business for a time. While the cause was pending the new Mayor, Andrew Munro and the Aldermen, Andrew Ross and John Smith put in a petition that owing to the absence of four of their colleagues and especially of William Percival, who being the senior Alderman was to preside over all causes in which the Mayor was a party, the business of the Court had been held up as several suits and petitions in which Munro was either a party or an interested person had been filed and could not be taken up for decision[4]. After the disposal of the cause against Isaac it was imagined that the absence of the Aldermen concerned was due to their conviction that they could not sit as Aldermen as long as the aspersions cast on their conduct had not been removed and now that the aspersions had been removed, the Aldermen would attend the Court as usual[5]. This was, however, only partly true ; for Percival still felt himself aggrieved and delivered in his resignation. The President and Council judged that the Charter did not empower them to accept resignations of Aldermen[6] ; but on a further complaint from the Mayor's Court that its business was still held up owing to his absence they dismissed him and appointed William Roberts in his place[7].

Meanwhile the President and Council had as usual requested the Mayor's Court and the Court of Requests to intimate for the information of the Directors whether the Charter needed any amendments[8]. The Court of Requests replied that they had already offered their remarks[9]. But the Mayor's Court suggested a series of amendments. They urged that it should be made clear in the Charter whether the same person might be elected as Mayor for two years successively : whether an Alderman's seat became vacant the moment he was removed to another settlement or whether it became vacant only after a period of 12 months had elapsed. Finally they declared that the clause relating to the exclusion of Natives from commencing any suits against each other in the Mayor's Court should be annulled. The Natives themselves, they asserted, desired to seek recourse to the Mayor's Court ; and without its protection they felt that they would be perpetually subjected to frauds. The clause in the Charter referring to the exclusion of Natives had always been construed applicable only to the Muhammadans and Hindus. But the term " Native " was difficult to interpret. What of the Portuguese and the Armenians ? They were as much Natives of India as were the Muhammadans and the Hindus. What of the Indian Christians ? They were originally mostly Hindus. Could these classes of people be regarded as Natives or not ? The clause also excluded only the Natives of Madras. It had not made clear whether the Natives of the subordinate settlements should be excluded or not. Again " The Liberty given to two Indian Natives to apply to the Mayor's Court by mutual consent can be of very little or no service, as that party who may think the issue of a suit in any degree

[1] See Vol. 82, pages 38–40, 41, 47, 48, 59, 60.
[2] See Vol. 82, pages 63, 74–76.
[3] See Vol. 82, pages 63, 64, 78.
[4] See Vol. 82, pages 64, 76, 77.
[5] See Vol. 82, page 78.
[6] See Vol. 82, pages 78, 79.
[7] See Vol. 82, pages 85, 86, 88, 89.
[8] See Vol. 82, page 45.
[9] See Vol. 82, pages 63, 74.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 386, 390.

precarious will never run the Risque of a tryal; for these reasons We offer it as our opinion that no persons of whatever denomination, profession or Country, living under the protection of the Company should be denied the liberty of applying to public Justice in any Case wherein they find themselves aggrieved"[1]. These remarks were by the President and Council ordered to be transmitted Home with a request to the Company to state, that if the causes between Natives were not to be tried in the Mayor's Court, in what manner their grievances were to be redressed[2].

In June took place an interesting case of conflict between the Mayor's Court and the President and Council. Richard Fairfield, having been transferred to Fort St. David wrote a letter to the Mayor's Court desiring to resign his office as Alderman. The Court directed its Register to intimate to the President and Council that "they have accepted Fairfield's resignation" and to request that another Alderman might be chosen in his place[3]. The President and Council appointed Henry Vansittart as Alderman[4] but conceived that the Charter having expressly directed that in the case of removal of an Alderman or Mayor, to another Company's settlement his place became automatically void, the Mayor's Court had no right to say that Fairfield's place had become vacant by their accepting his resignation. They therefore sent the Register's letter back to the Mayor's Court with a remark that as some of its passages conflicted with the Charter they had not deemed it prudent to enter it in their proceedings[5]. The Mayor's Court resented this procedure and deemed it as an insult on their authority. They directed the Register to inform the President and Council that they had never meant to assert any power, that they had made it perfectly clear in the first part of their letter that the vacancy was caused by Fairfield's transfer, but that since their action had been criticised they felt themselves obliged to defend their authority by stating that whether Fairfield's or their own letters were proper "is a matter which the Court has a right to determine for itself, even altho' your Honour should still remain of a different opinion". They, however, requested that their whole correspondence might be entered in the Consultations and concluded that "it is to the East India Company alone that the Mayor's Court are to give an account of this matter"[6]. This was a needlessly provocative and partly incorrect statement. But though the President and Council resented it, they did not want to rake up the controversy. They explained their attitude and ordered the inclusion of the entire correspondence in their proceedings that the Directors might decide what they deemed proper[7].

A few other matters relating to the Mayor's Court and the Court of Requests might be mentioned. The silver mace for the Mayor's Court, requisitioned from Bombay in 1753[8] was received in September[9]. In December the Court of Requests reported that they had as usual ballotted out half the number of Commissioners who had served two years and chosen four more in their place[10]. The Mayor's Court asked for certain law books sent by the Company to be lodged in the Town Hall, but this request was refused by the President and Council on the ground that the books could be requisitioned whenever wanted by the Court[10]. The new Mayor and Sheriff, John Walsh and Claud Russell, were appointed in December[11]. Soon after this the Court of Requests represented that John Smith who had been chosen as Commissioner for the current year having declined the post they had filled in his vacancy by appointing Peter Downes. And as they had no power to enforce their appointments they requested that it might be recommended to the Company to lodge such power in their hands. They also complained of an insult offered to them by Andrew Ross who had stopped their Beadle, took from him a note relating to the business

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[1] See Vol. 82, pages 63, 72–74.
[2] See Vol. 82, page 63.
[3] See Vol. 82, pages 160, 173; Vol. 83, page 19.
[4] See Vol. 82, pages 173, 183.
[5] See Vol. 83, page 20.
[6] See Vol. 83, pages 20, 21.
[7] See Vol. 83, pages 11, 12.
[8] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 292.
[9] See Vol. 83, pages 149, 151.
[10] See Vol. 83, pages 253, 254.
[11] See Vol. 83, pages 246, 255.

of the Court and made a copy of it. The request was referred to the Directors and the complaint was ordered to be investigated by the President[1].

As in the previous years, the Company's investment suffered everywhere in 1754 on account of the distracted state of the country. But nowhere did it suffer more than in the Northern Factories of Ingeram, Bandermalanka and Vizagapatam. Here there was no want of money to advance the merchants and set the weavers to work. Here the Presidency regularly supplied Madras Pagodas and copper cash to encourage the investment. The Factors endeavoured their utmost to procure what bales they could at different periods. But the quantity of these bales was not considerable for the very reason that the merchants could not be trusted with large advances nor the weavers and washers protected to enable them to pursue their avocations undisturbed. The English were frequently confronted here with a host of difficulties consequent on the grant of the Northern Circars to the French[2], the quarrels between the Nawab of Rajahmundry and Raja Vizairam Razu[3], and the depredations of the Marathas.

At the very beginning of the year the Nawab of Rajahmundry secretly egged on by the anti-French clique of the Nizam's Court raised the standard of revolt against the French[4]. Vizairam Razu promised to join him[5] and both applied to the English for assistance[6]. But the Presidency embroiled in the politics of the south sent them no assistance, though they promised to send it as soon as the affairs in the south had assumed a quieter aspect[7]. It was in vain to wait for the favourable opportunity in the near future. The Raja descried better prospects in the French cause and deserted the Nawab in the hopes of deriving much profit from renting the Circars from the French[8]. The Nawab pressed Ingeram for aid promising the Fort of Rajahmundry to the English. The Resident of Ingeram therefore obtained from Vizagapatam a detachment intended by the Presidency for Negrais[9]. But no sooner had this been done than the Presidency resented the action of their subordinates and ordered the detachment to be recalled at once and despatched to Negrais[10]. Even if it had not been recalled the Nawab could not have held out for long against unequal odds against the French and the Raja, without more effectual support from the English. Westcott from Ingeram and Andrews from Bandermalanka urged that unless he was strongly supported he would be compelled to quit the country and to expose the English factories to danger[11]. And this prophecy came true. Within a short time he quitted the country to concert measures with the Marathas[12].

And now a new chapter commenced. Ranga Rao, the Raja of Bobbili, a partisan of the Nawab, and an inveterate enemy of Vizairam Razu, heralded the Marathas who invaded Vizianagram, burnt the Dutch factory at Bimlipatam, surrounded Vizagapatam and then turning towards Ingeram and Bandermalanka carried fire and sword into the country[13]. The Raja and the French offered some resistance, and, this failing, attempted to bribe them. But it was not till they had pillaged and laid waste vast tracts of country that they accepted the bribes and made off to their own territory[14]. In these circumstances the position of the English factories became exceedingly precarious. Several times they requested the Presidency to send them men, arms and ammunition to drive away the Marathas and to oppose the French with vigour[15]. Several times

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1 See Vol. 83, page 258.
2 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 399.
3 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 137, 208, 351, 368, 371, 391.
4 See Vol. 82, page 34.
5 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 23.
See Vol. 82, page 83.
6 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 7, 13, 22, 44.
7 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 8, 44.
8 See Vol. 82, pages 34, 83, 91, 100, 116.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 76, 95.
9 See Vol. 82, pages 83–85.
10 See Vol. 82, page 83.
11 See Vol. 82, pages 34, 83.
12 See Vol. 82, pages 113, 116.
13 See Vol. 82, pages 138, 159; Vol. 83, pages 6, 7. See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 95.
14 See Vol. 82, page 159; Vol. 83, pages 7, 43, 52, 80.
15 See Vol. 82, pages 34, 42, 83, 116, 117, 124; Vol. 83, page 7.

on the advice of the Presidency[1], who sent them only very tardy assistance[2], they packed off their effects and put them on boats to tranship them at the first sign of danger[3]. For, the French threatened. It was rumoured that Bussy would come down from Masulipatam to drive out the English. It was bruited about that on his arrival into these parts he expected the English to treat him as the Nawab[4]. His minions, the Raja and his deputies, demanded the rents of the territories granted to the English by the Nawab[5]. The Factors asked frequently for advice as to their conduct and course of action from the Presidency. They were told that Bussy was only a renter and therefore should not on any account be treated as Nawab, that they should resist their utmost any encroachments on the Company's territories[6]. But how this was to be done without a strong force was not explained. On this score it is possible to criticise the policy of Saunders and his colleagues of the Committee of Country affairs. They did not render effectual aid to their subordinates in the Deccan where the French menace was real, directed as it was by Bussy, a man of exceptional talents, military as well as political. But before we do so we should remember that Saunders and his colleagues were determined first and foremost to overthrow the French cause in the south, because a failure here meant imminent risk to all their Coast settlements, and because a success here required all the men and money they could spare, since Dupleix showed himself eminently resourceful and always sent an army superior in numbers to oppose the English.

Indeed the Government did not wish, if they could help it, to precipitate matters to a crisis in the Deccan. They advised their subordinates not to alienate either Jaffar Ali Khan or Vizairam Razu[7]. When the Nawab gauged that his cause was a failure he sent his family to Vizagapatam for shelter[8]. To the same city also flocked many of the Raja's followers when the Marathas appeared on the scene. The refugees from the rival camps were treated with all civility[9]. Towards the middle of the year the Raja, disappointed in his hopes of bringing the French to agree to his proposals for renting the circars of Rajahmundry and Chicacole, intrigued with the English[10]. He promised not to violate their rights nor to disturb their trade. Then again he became strongly pro-French and seemed completely to forget his assurances[11]. There was no knowing which side he would ultimately join. What the Presidency wished was to keep him discontented with the French till the affairs in the south were settled, till an opportunity offered to dispatch a strong army into the Deccan to rally all the discontented forces together.

At Fort St. David too, the investment fell very much both in quantity and quality. From thither came in the beginning many complaints about want of cash[12]. These complaints were partially removed by the Presidency. They supplied what money they could spare[13] after meeting the heavy demands from the camp and this sum was not very considerable. They therefore asked Fort St. David not to make further advances to the merchants without their previous consent[14]. This check, however, was removed as soon as the ships arrived from Home bringing treasure for the Coast. The Government then plentifully supplied them with cash and gave them free latitude to make their merchants as large advances as they deemed proper[15]. In the meantime, however, the merchants began to murmur. They requested for remission on account of the dearness of cotton caused by the troubles in the country. Irshappa Chittee and Paupa Razu alone cleared their balances and were further advanced. Cawn Mudaliar, Govinda Chittee and Tenneveroy failed to fulfil their contracts[16].

[1] See Vol. 82, page 160.
[2] See Vol. 82, pages 37, 84, 117, 135, 160; Vol. 83, pages 8, 257.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 45.
[3] See Vol. 83, pages 7, 107.
[4] See Vol. 83, pages 80, 89, 107, 121.
[5] See Vol. 82, page 116.
[6] See Vol. 83, pages 80, 81, 107, 121.
See also Vol. 82, pages 2, 91.
[7] See Vol. 82, pages 2, 36, 37.
[8] See Vol. 82, pages 34, 36, 85, 100, 113, 116, 138.
See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 76.
[9] See Vol. 82, page 138.
[10] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 196, 248.
[11] See Vol. 83, page 257.
[12] See Vol. 82, pages 14, 15, 60, 80, 91.
[13] See Vol. 82, pages 15, 36, 80, 91.
[14] See Vol. 82, page 80.
[15] See Vol. 83, page 78.
[16] See Vol. 83, pages 67 77.

The Salem merchants likewise failed to bring in cloth alleging that the roads were unsafe[1]. The Government therefore ordered that unless the merchants had cleared the balances outstanding against them they should not be advanced[2]. The real reason for the backwardness of the merchants seems to be that they wanted to sell the Company inferior cloth which they were apprehensive the Company would reject or take in only at an abatement[3]. A sample of this cloth forwarded to Madras was found by the Government very much inferior to the former sortments. But as there was little probability of procuring better sortments the Government directed Fort St. David that all cloth should be strictly sorted and all that was inferior should be rejected; but the rejected cloth might be kept in the godown to buy it, in case of necessity, at an abatement[4].

In 1753 the Government had attempted to explore the possibility of providing an investment at Devicotta. Fort St. David had on the whole discouraged the idea, but the Chief of Devicotta had not reported his opinions[5]. Early in 1754 Hopkins sent a small bale of Salem and Shiyali musters with the remark that if the Government approved these, the Shiyali merchants had promised to supply 1,500 bales annually provided they were seasonably advanced[6]. On an inspection of these musters the Board came to the conclusion that Shiyali cloth might answer the purpose if it could be procured at a pagoda and a half cheaper than at Fort St. David; but as to Salem cloth there was not the least reason to imagine that it could be procured cheaper at Devicotta. Hopkins was accordingly informed that as soon as sufficient funds were available a trial would be made there of Shiyali cloth provided it could be had at the above-mentioned price[7]. He was, however, asked to send in fresh musters of Shiyali cloth[8]. But when these came the members of the Board on a careful examination of them pronounced them inferior to Fort St. David cloth[9]. The final orders, however, are not contained in this volume.

The state of the investment was no better in Madras. Here the merchants were advanced in January[10]. In April they were called before the Board as usual to contract for the investment of the current year. The mode in which Saunders addressed them deserves close study as it not only shows his frankness in transacting business but his ability in impressing the other party with the justice of his convictions. He plainly told them that the last year's investment was considerably poorer than the investment of previous years. He was sensible the plea was not far to be sought, it was the troubles in the country. This was, indeed, a very good plea, but the merchants must realize that they and their forefathers had long enjoyed the happiness of living under the protection of the English "who abhor Tyrrany and oppression," and it therefore behoved them at this time of general calamity not to think so much of immediate profits as of future gain and reputation which were surely to be theirs as soon as peace would dawn on the country. The Europe ships, he told them, were about to arrive with sufficient treasure to enable the Government to make them ample advances. In the meantime he exhorted them to conduct the business with vigour. The merchants promised to do so observing that if only the advantages they reaped as Company's merchants, were the profits they made by the Company's investment they would not have hesitated a moment to decline the employ, but as a reputation of it brought them some benefit in their private dealings they would thankfully pursue the business to the utmost of their abilities[11]. In June on the arrival of the *Triton* with the list of the investment relating to Madras and its subordinate settlements extracts from it were made and distributed[12].

But the cloth provided by the merchants fell short of the stipulated lengths. The Export Warehousekeeper reported that the lengths of the cloth were

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[1] See Vol. 83, page 77.
[2] See Vol. 83, page 78.
[3] See Vol. 83, pages 150, 151.
[4] See Vol. 83, pages 151, 153, 160, 239, 240.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 354, 377, 378, 391.
[6] See Vol. 82, pages 90, 91, 99.
[7] See Vol. 82, pages 114, 117.
[8] See Vol. 82, pages 147, 149, 160, 199, 201.
[9] See Vol. 83, pages 152, 219.
[10] See Vol. 82, pages 4, 47.
[11] See Vol. 82, pages 139, 140.
[12] See Vol. 83, page 1.

no more than 69 covids whereas they should have been 70 covids at least when brown. Seventy covids of brown cloth when washed turned out above the Company's stipulated measure of 36 yards the length of a covid being full half a yard and an inch. The Government ordered that no cloth ought to be taken in under 70 covids when brown, that the merchants should be insisted upon to bring in cloth full 72 covids and that all under 71 covids should be taken at an abatement[1]. In November and December the merchants of the ordinary and fine goods were advanced[2].

As to the sale of Europe goods there was practically no demand for broad cloth, not only in Madras but also, it would seem, in Bengal and Bombay. What had remained of it in Madras during the last year was put up for outcry in January, and no bidders having come forward it was offered for sale in March[3]. In March it could not be sold and so it was offered in April[4]. Only a part of it was then disposed of[5]. The rest was offered again for sale in May and again there being no demand, it was decided to offer it for sale in June and in case it did not sell, to auction it monthly until sold[6]. In June, we are told, not even a single bale was sold[7], but in September, however, it was disposed of[8]. Meanwhile the ships had arrived from Home bringing in a fresh consignment of broad cloth[9], and Bengal had requested that half the quantity of the broad cloth consigned to them might be sold or detained in Madras as the arrival of a large quantity there would hurt their market[10]. In October, Bombay, who had been asked to dispose of part of the broad cloth consigned to the Coast, replied that they could not do so as they expected about double the quantity of what they had indented for and had already a large parcel on hand[11]. There was, however, demand for other Europe goods. Lead and iron were put up for auction and sold in August[12], copper in September[13].

The financial position of the Government oscillated from want to affluence and from affluence to want again. Until the arrival of the Europe ships with treasure, the treasury was, indeed, weak, what with the frequent demands from Lawrence and from Fort St. David for provisioning Trichinopoly and maintaining the large army in the field[14]. More than once the Presidency was forced to dole out money for the investment, to advise Fort St. David not to make large advances to merchants. In February, the Government borrowed 15,000 pagodas from Saunders without interest[15]. Remittances to the camp and to Fort St. David were made as usual sometimes in bills of exchange[16], sometimes in cash[17]. The scarcity of gold frequently compelled the Government to sell rupees for pagodas[18] and to insist that all payments in fanams should be made in that coin alone, at the standard rate of 36 fanams per pagoda, and not in pagodas as the exchange rate of fanams rose to nearly 43 to a pagoda[19]. In January itself Fort St. David was required to furnish every disbursing officer constantly with a sufficient quantity of fanams[20]. And for this purpose pagodas were periodically sold for fanams[21]. This measure of economy was continued throughout the year. The exchange rate of fanams in Madras was, in August, 42 fanams and 20 cash per pagoda. In the same month Fort St. David was asked that if it could exchange at 43, it was better that it supplied itself with fanams[22]. But Fort St. David was unable to do so and so the Presidency had to order in September 2,000 pagodas to be exchanged into fanams for them[23].

[1] See Vol. 83, pages 82, 89, 108.
[2] See Vol. 83, pages 228, 246.
[3] See Vol. 82, page 62.
[4] See Vol. 82, pages 87, 114.
[5] See Vol. 82, pages 139, 141–146.
[6] See Vol. 82, pages 173, 183.
[7] See Vol. 83, page 11.
[8] See Vol. 83, pages 123, 154–156.
[9] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 50.
[10] See Vol. 82, page 82.
[11] See Vol. 83, pages 70, 217.
[12] See Vol. 83, pages 108, 110–114.
[13] See Vol. 83, pages 137, 139–143.
[14] See Vol. 82, pages 15, 80, 91, 133, 139.
[15] See Vol. 82, page 87.
[16] See Vol. 82, pages 91, 139, 158, 183; Vol. 83, pages 12, 83, 109, 220, 243.
[17] See Vol. 82, pages 15, 80, 114, 134, 148, 188; Vol. 83, pages 23, 70, 256.
[18] See Vol. 82, pages 4, 17, 47, 65, 81, 114, 119, 125, 136, 140, 152, 162, 174, 192, 203; Vol. 83, pages 5, 26, 51, 54, 90, 124, 137, 161, 180, 202, 215, 221, 242.
[19] See Vol. 82, page 190.
[20] See Vol. 82, pages 15, 36.
[21] See e.g. Vol. 82, pages 130, 205.
[22] See Vol. 83, page 116.
[23] See Vol. 83, pages 151, 170, 171.

The first of the Company's ships to arrive was the *St. George* in May[1]. In June arrived the *Triton*, the *Onslow*, the *Essex*, the *True Briton* and the *Ilchester*[2]. They were followed by the *Denham* and the *York* in July[3]. In August arrived the *Norfolk* and the *Anson*[4], in September, the *Brittannia*, the *Warren*, the *London* and the *Kent*[5]. Most of them brought bullion for the Coast, and some of them gold which being scarce was greatly welcome[6]. The gold received per *Onslow* was ordered to be coined into Madras Pagodas for the use of the Northern Settlements[7] and that per *Denham* was ordered to be coined into current or Star Pagodas[8]. The bullion was as usual sent to the Mint for coining as soon as it was received and reported correct by the Committee of Treasury[9] and thus the treasury was replenished and kept in a state ready to meet demands upon it. In September the Accountant laid before the Board an estimate of the account of the treasure required for the service on the Coast and of the supplies and revenues[10]. This showed a deficit of half a lac of pagodas, but the Board considering that it could be made up by a shorter supply to the Northern Settlements, which was calculated at 1½ lacs of pagodas but which it was judged might not exceed a lac there owing to the disturbed state of the country, resolved that the entire treasure consigned to Bengal might be sent thither as there was no need to retain any portion of it for the Coast[11]. This was an agreeable departure from the policy of the previous years when necessity invariably had compelled the Government to retain a part of the treasure intended for Bengal[12]. But towards the close of the year, when with the prospects of peace appeared also the prospects of war, when it was decided, that if Godeheu did not agree to the English proposals, war should be carried on with the utmost vigour in the Arcot country[13], the Government again sought recourse to loans and borrowed 20,000 pagodas from Mrs. Madeiros at 8 per cent. interest[14]. The truce of October by no means put a stop to the financial drainage ; the maintenance of the large army was still considered a necessity in view of the doubtful and often precarious symptoms of the times.

It was natural, in this period of vast expenditure on the army, that the Government should scrutinize its budget with care, excise all irregularities and attempt when possible to increase their revenues. The accounts of the subordinate settlements were subjected to strict periodical inspection[15]. Fort St. David was directed to clear up certain accounts of articles said to be worn out by rust and lost by wastage and to submit annually to the Presidency a list of such articles that they might be sold or written off, and that the deficiencies might be recovered from the officer responsible for the same[16]. They were required to insist upon the Trivendapuram renters to clear up their arrears since December 1752, which they had alleged they could not pay on account of the incursions of the Marathas and to allow them remission only to the extent they took oath as to their losses in their Pagoda[17]. They were informed that Cooke, their Export Warehousekeeper, was solely responsible for the damaged and torn cloth, that he should be compelled to make good the amount on pain of suspension and that on all further occasions they would be called upon to make good any frauds that might be detected in their accounts[18]. Some irregularities observed in the Devicotta accounts were also rectified[19].

In Madras itself the existing sources of income were carefully watched and the new sources explored. No difficulty was indeed experienced in collecting the revenues of the several farms as they became due, during the year. But whenever the farms expired, vigilant enquiries were made to ascertain their value. In this connection it is worth remarking that the Government invariably

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1 See Vol. 82, page 181.
2 See Vol. 83, pages 1–3, 6, 8.
3 See Vol. 83, pages 50, 51.
4 See Vol. 83, pages 105, 119.
5 See Vol. 83, pages 145, 149, 168, 169, 176.
6 See Vol. 83, pages 47, 95, 126, 127, 196.
7 See Vol. 83, page 2.
8 See Vol. 83, page 50.
9 See Vol. 83, pages 5, 6, 8.
10 See Vol. 83, page 132.
11 See Vol. 83, pages 122, 123.
12 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, pages 237, 321, 322.
13 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 276 *sqq.*
14 See Vol. 83, page 246.
15 See Vol. 82, pages 36, 37.
16 See Vol. 82, page 36.
17 See Vol. 82, pages 60, 61, 117, 148, 160, 182, 188 ; Vol. 83, pages 23, 67, 68, 115, 116.
18 See Vol. 83, pages 81, 101, 115, 116, 135, 150–152, 170, 171, 200, 201.
19 See Vol. 82, pages 118, 149.

re-let the expired farms to the existing farmers provided they agreed to pay the highest amount offered. This was done mainly with a view to avoid oppression in the country, to have well-known, experienced substantial men as farmers and not extortionate speculators who might either fail in their contracts or levy illegal cesses on the people. Thus the Poonamallee farm was re-let to Rayal Pundit for one year at 44,000 pagodas, i.e., 9,000 pagodas more than what he had contracted to pay for the current year, instead of to Namboor Subiah who had first come forward to rent the same for that sum[1]. To the same individual were also let 15 villages belonging to the Kille of Poonamallee granted by the Nawab[2] as a Jaghir to the Company, at 4,200 pagodas per annum, a sum offered by Ninapah[3]. In June, however, Lawrence had suggested that the only way to relieve the Company of the increasing expenses was "to take by the Nabob's leave the management of the Arcot Province in our own Hands, collect its Revenues and pay Mahauphoos Cawn's Troops, a proper Allowance to be made to the Nabob and his family to be taken care of in the Settlements."[4] Though the Government was not prepared to endorse this revolutionary proposal, they felt that some relief from the incubus of the Nawab's debt was absolutely essential and therefore applied to him (July) that the revenues of the Seven Maganams, Manimangalam, Covelong, Chingleput, Trippasore and Conjeeveram might be mortgaged to them until his debts were paid off[5]. The Nawab objected to the last two districts on the ground that the first was the possession of Abdul Wahab Khan and the second was claimed by Mahfuz Khan[6]. He granted the firmans for the rest in which the English flag was hoisted in September[7]. The utmost he could consent to in regard to the other two was to grant permission to hoist the English flag in them on condition that their revenues were left to the Circar[8]. The rents at which and the persons to whom the mortgaged countries were let are mentioned on page 262 of Volume 83.

Nor was this all. The Government insisted that the quit-rent in the Black Town should be equally distributed over all houses, that none should be excused from it[9]. They also continued prohibiting all Bengal vessels from importing goods to any port belonging to the Moors south of Madras in spite of the repeated representation against that measure from Bengal[10]. There was only one measure which they do not seem to have succeeded in enforcing. That was the collection of arrears of rents due from the farmers before the loss of Madras. They resolved, indeed, on a report from the committee appointed to enquire into the question[11], that the only way to recover the dues was to put the farmers upon oath[12]; but whether the oaths were actually taken and the arrears were recovered or not cannot be gathered from the Consultations.

If the Government were solicitous about collecting their revenues, they were equally solicitous about the interests of the renters and the welfare of the people. Cootah the farmer of the weighing and measuring duty at Fort St. David having petitioned that he had been a great loser by the removal of the seat of the Presidency to Fort St. George, a removal which had considerably reduced the importation of grain and hence the duties, they consented to an abatement of 100 pagodas a year, from the beginning of his cowle[13]. When the Nawab granted the sanad for the Kille and Jaghir of Poonamallee, they did not grudge to allow 1,000 pagodas per annum to the widow of the late Killedar[14]. Several instances of their regard for the people are recorded in these volumes. Having come to know that the Mettow peons and others exacted a duty on all fire-wood, greens and generally all provisions brought into the bounds, and that this had greatly raised the price "to the prejudice of the Inhabitants", they strictly prohibited all

[1] See Vol. 82, page 150; Vol. 83, pages 24, 43.
[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 137, 141, 176, 179, 183.
[3] See Vol. 83, page 90.
[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 145.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 153, 161, 179.
[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 182, 185.
[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 183, 185, 197, 203.
[8] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 184, 212.
[9] See Vol. 82, page 4.
[10] See Vol. 82, page 35.
[11] See Vol. 82, pages 15, 18–22.
[12] See Vol. 82, pages 84, 92.
[13] See Vol. 83, pages 151, 152.
[14] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 137.
See Vol. 83, page 137.

such duties, and offered a reward of 5 pagodas to all who detected that practice[1]. They appointed a committee to enquire into the duties collected by the Measuring farmers, and on its report passed orders that the farmers would be punished if they collected any other duties than those allowed by their cowle; i.e., 9 fanams for measuring and 2 fanams for remeasuring. They declared illegal the practice of exacting from the inhabitants over and above these duties, 40 cash in measuring every pagoda worth of grain " besides a handful or two for giving good measure.[2]" On a representation that the renter of Poonamallee exacted a duty on horned cattle brought into the bounds contrary to the custom, all such duties were strictly prohibited[3]. The renters of St. Thome having chopped cloth at St. Thome and collected a duty contrary to their cowle, were forbidden to do so under penalty[4]. As to certain revenues collected by the managers of Pagodas, a question which they had taken up for consideration in the previous year[5], they resolved to transmit accounts of these collections to the Directors and to recommend that the whole dues " are a clog upon trade and are of no other use than to support in idleness a parcell of Bramineys[6]."

Finally there is one conspicuous instance of their impartial judgement. On the orders from the Company, Jagoo, the son of Narayan had been in September 1752 reinstated in the management of the Pagoda at Chintadripet on condition that he paid yearly to the Company 2,000 pagodas in discharge of a long-standing debt due from his late father and Chintomby to the Company[7]. The receipts of this Pagoda over the charges of its management amounted in 1752 only to about 300 pagodas[8]. Jagoo represented that many people refused to pay the ancient customary duties which by rigid collection might be made to yield a large sum. The Government therefore in 1754 empowered the Secretary to collect the duties and allow from them a reasonable sum for the maintenance of the Pagoda and in case anyone refused or neglected to pay them, to levy the sum by distress[9]. This measure became highly unpopular. Many of the principal inhabitants complained of it as a great hardship and when they were told that the duties were levied to discharge the debts due to the Company from the originators of Chintadripet, they requested that they might be relieved of the burden as soon as the debts were discharged. The Government realizing that " Taxes of this kind, originally imposed for the aggrandizing of Dubashes in power or other leading men among the Blacks, are very grievous to the Trader and industrious Labourer," resolved to recommend Home to abolish them the moment the debts were paid off[10].

These portions of the Consultations as also some others threw light not only on the policy followed by the Government but also on the conditions obtaining among the people. A singular instance of courage and zeal for public welfare is noticeable in a proposal made by Saunders to substitute English Law in the place of Hindu Law of property. He asserted that the Hindu Law of property encouraged indolence and penalized industry by making it obligatory on an active and industrious member of joint family owning property, to stand responsible for the debts and commitments of his idle and reckless brothers. He suggested that a reasonable time limit should be fixed for making an equitable division of estates, after which " every individual shall possess his own proper Estate only and be alone liable to his proper debts and Engagements but that such proposed Law shall not be construed to affect any Transaction prior to the Commencement of it." But the members of the Board regarded this proposal as of " too much Consequence "—as indeed it was —, wanted time to consider it and thus shelved it altogether[11]. Another matter which came before them related to the Roman Catholics. In 1752 the executors of the will of Coja Petrus had claimed the Vepery Church and petitioned the Company for its restoration[12]. The Directors having referred the matter back to

[1] See Vol. 82, page 3.
[2] See Vol. 82, pages 3, 15, 16, 18, 19.
[3] See Vol. 83, page 179.
[4] See Vol. 83, page 209.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1753, page 400.
[6] See Vol. 82, page 101.
[7] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1752, page 179.
[8] See Vol. 82, pages 149, 157.
[9] See Vol. 82, pages 149, 150.
[10] See Vol. 83, page 53.
[11] See Vol. 83, page 109.
[12] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1752, pages 222, 224, 225, 227, 228.

the Government for further enquiries, Saunders and his Council got the will translated[1] and came to the conclusion that the church actually belonged to Coja Petrus, that he had left it in his will to Father Severini in order that masses might be said there for the rest of his soul. To enable the Directors themselves to judge of this matter they directed that copies cf extracts of the will might be sent Home[2]. Meanwhile, Father Severini and the Roman Catholics of Madras petitioned that ever since their church had been taken away from them they had been permitted to erect a temporary building in a place allotted to them in the Black Town, and now they were desirous of extending the place and building a church there for the propagation of their religion. The Government, however, had been absolutely forbidden by the Directors in 1747 to suffer any Roman Catholic Church within the bounds or cause to suffer their public worship or residence amidst the Company's servants. They therefore could not comply with this petition, but, in consideration of the good character of Father Severini and his friendliness towards the English, they permitted him to dwell among them until further orders from Home[3]. There was yet another matter which they were called upon to decide. Disputes having arisen among the Tengala and Wadagala Brahmins in Triplicane as to the form of certain prayers offered in their Pagoda and the most prominent of the inhabitants having petitioned that of the two pagodas, one might be allotted to the Tengala and the other to the Wadagala Brahmins and both might be prohibited from interfering with each other's concerns, the Government considered their recommendations reasonable and ordered them to be published by Tom Tom[4].

There remain two matters to be described : the policy of the Government towards Negrais and Sumatra. The affairs of Negrais are mentioned not only in the Public but also in the Military Consultations. David Hunter having died there in December 1753[5], Henry Brooke, his assistant was appointed as Chief[6]. There also had died a number of artificers sent from Madras ; their families were now given gratuities[7]. An enquiry was made into the accounts of Robert Westgarth, Resident at Syrian and on the charge of extravagance and mismanagement he was dismissed and replaced by John Taylor[8]. In April arrived two agents from the King of Pegu, Senhor Nicouse and Toppelo. They informed Saunders that the King was willing to grant Negrais to the English in consideration of an annual present. He was also willing to grant free trade to his ports to the Company but not to private merchants. He was ready to protect the Company against his subjects but not against foreigners. The third proviso was all that could be expected. But the second and first did not at all satisfy the Government[9]. Saunders, however, ascertained that the King had insisted on the annual present only as a token of acknowledgment of his rights over Negrais and as such there could be no objection as it could be of trifling value. He told the agents that Negrais was intended merely as a harbour for shipping and what the Company desired was Persaim for trading. A well-established trade at Persaim, he argued, would benefit not only the Company but also the King's subjects. But to this the agents replied that the granting of Persaim to the Company might greatly prejudice the King in his revenues by drawing all trade thither from Syrian which yielded considerable customs duties. They, however, believed that if an English detachment with artillery were despatched to the King to assist him in his struggles against his enemies there could be little doubt that he would grant Persaim to the Company. Saunders told them that if the affairs on the Coast permitted and sufficient recruits arrived from Europe he would not fail to send the King the assistance he needed[10]. Indeed the King appears to have very badly needed assistance. His rule was highly unpopular : he had confined and ill-treated his rival,

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1 See Vol. 83, page 83.

2 See Vol. 83, page 172.
See also Vol. 82, pages 92, 97, 98.

3 See Vol. 83, pages 172, 173, 175.

4 See Vol. 83, pages 123, 124, 133.

5 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 14.

6 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 18–20, 38, 39, 48–50, 56, 57.

7 See Vol. 82, pages 62, 63, 71, 72.

8 See Vol. 82, pages 62, 85, 87, 88.

9 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 84.

10 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 86.

the former King of the country greatly to the incense of his subjects : the King of Tavoy was assailing his dominions from the south.[1] Saunders' hopes could not be fulfilled, at any rate, during the year ; but before the agents or ambassadors departed they were given presents and requested to convey some presents to the King and Upper Raja[2]. At the same time a commercial treaty was drawn up, and a copy of it sent to Brooke to negotiate it with the King.

In the preamble of the treaty the King of Pegu is given the high sounding title as " the Son of the Sun and Brother of the Moon and Stars. " He was to grant freely to the Company the island of Negrais and the town of Persaim with some tracts contiguous to it and " full and unlimited privilege of trading " at the ports of Syrian, Pegu, Pron, Mortavan, Tangoore and Don Bassey without any let or hindrance and free of all duties. All goods however belonging to persons not in the Company's service were to pay the accustomed duties. He was also to grant free liberty of employing artificers, workmen or tradesmen in the Company's service at the usual wages, and to protect and defend the Company against his own subjects or officers. The Company in exchange were to present annually to the King some European or other curiosity as an acknowledgment of his friendship in granting them Negrais and Persaim. They were to give full and unlimited privilege to the King and his subjects of trading duty free at Fort St. George, Fort St. David, Devicotta and Vizagapatam on the Coromandel Coast or any other of the Company's ports in India. They were to protect and defend him against the King of Tavoy, against all his enemies " by sea and land " and to furnish for that purpose such number of troops and warlike stores as the occasion might necessarily require and the said Company could conveniently spare from the defence and protection of their own territories. The charges, however, of all such troops and stores were to be defrayed by the King[3].

Meanwhile on information received from Brooke and others[4] the Government directed him to shift his settlement at Negrais to the north-east point of the island. The present place occupied by the settlement was very unhealthy. It was constantly washed by every spring-tide and when the waters retired the shores were left with ooze and small fry which putrified and vitiated the atmosphere. North-east point was on the other hand considered a better and heathy place. Its soil was good and promised fair to be healthy : its harbour safe and convenient for shipping. The entrance to its harbour could be defended by a battery on the north-west point. But though Brooke was to shift the settlement to the north-east point he was not to undertake any capital works there until experience had confirmed the present opinion. Till then he was to construct only temporary works. At the same time he was supplied with some military and an engineer in the room of Mr. Knapton who had returned to the Coast on account of ill health. Towards the close of the year Taylor arrived in Madras and his place was filled in by Henry Stringfellow as Resident at Syrian[5]. The indents from Negrais during the year were as usual supplied partly by Madras and partly by Bengal[6].

Of Sumatra nothing is mentioned in the Consultations till July, except that the Coffrees detained in Madras in 1753 were in January ordered to be sent there[7]. In July came the reports of Walsh and Pybus, the Supervisors of the West Coast, containing an account of their transactions. These were referred to the West Coast Committee—Saunders, Boddam and Powney—for remarks[8]. Walsh being expected to return in September it was proposed to appoint Dawsonne Drake in his place[9]. But Drake declined the post on the plea of ill health and his intention to return Home. The Government had become too

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[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 90.
[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 166, 169.
[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, pages 166–168.
[4] See Vol. 83, pages 200, 218, 221–223.
[5] See Vol. 83, pages 207, 208.
[6] See Vol. 82, page 35 ; Vol. 83, pages 200, 208.
[7] See Vol. 82, page 45.
[8] See Vol. 83, page 68.
[9] See Vol. 83, page 135.

much accustomed to believe in such excuses which were really put up for avoiding disagreeable duties. They therefore threatened even to dismiss him unless he definitely proposed to go Home by the January ships[1]. Meanwhile Walsh arrived[2] and the West Coast Committee submitted its report[3].

This report touches upon many matters and embodies a series of suggestions and recommendations. It is informed by the same spirit of fearless criticism combined with the same zeal for reform which characterises in general the administration of Saunders. Beginning with certain useful remarks about shipping, it goes on to deal with a number of topics, the most important of which relate to the pepper investment, the political condition of the country, the Dutch and the English claims to Natal, the regulation of trade at Natal and at Fort Marlborough and the administration of justice. It is true that regular surveys of pepper plantations have been progressing in the several districts and these promised a good yield. But the Council should always see that indolence is discouraged and industry rewarded. The contractors of pepper should be insisted upon to observe scrupulously the terms of their contracts. They should be paid ready money and not compelled to accept goods in return at extortionate prices. They and all leading men among the Natives should be treated with respect, the common people with humanity and justice[4]. Peace and tranquillity no doubt now reign in the country. But on the death of Sultan of Moco Moco troubles might arise as a result of competition among his sons to succeed to the throne. Such troubles, if possible, should be nipped in the bud, and a good understanding should be cultivated with the Sultan of Minum Caboo in whose vast dominions lay most of the Company's settlements[5]. All correspondence with Batavia relating to the Dutch claims over Natal must be sent up to Madras to enable the Presidency to arrive at a fair decision. The Dutch claims to Natal appear to be based on conquest and treaty made with the King of Baroos. The English at Fort Marlborough have alleged that no proof has been produced before them either of the conquest or of the treaty : that the Dutch had never been allowed to land at Natal : that the people of Natal had always recognized as their sovereign the Sultan of Minum Caboo, and therefore Baroos could have been no more than a viceroy who had no power at all to part with any territory, by treaty ; that both the Sultan of Minum Caboo and the people affirmed the Dutch had secured no grant for Natal, but that the English claims to that place were based not only on the invitation of the people to settle there but also on the grant of the Sultan of Minum Caboo. If the Dutch fail to produce more substantial proof the English claims to Natal appear just[5]. Notwithstanding this the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort Marlborough were not at all justified in settling at Natal, because the settlement was made "purely to serve private Interest" and not to bring benefits to the Company. They have now admitted that very little pepper can be produced there but they have asserted that the Company can reap there much benefit by monopolizing the trade in iron, salt and opium. The Supervisors are also of the same opinion. "Affairs seem too far advanced to retract and the Company are already considerably in Advance without having received the least benefit". The best way under the circumstances is to monopolize the trade thither of opium, iron and salt and to punish severely all those who infringe this monopoly[6].

The report continues that with regard to Fort Marlborough its fortifications appear to be in a decaying condition. It should be insisted hereafter that only the best materials should be used for the Company's works and an engineer should also be sent there. A duty of 5 per cent. must be collected on all goods imported there and smuggling should be visited with confiscation[7]. The arrack and sugar works should be carefully supervised[8]. The Supervisors

[1] See Vol. 83, pages 136–138, 153, 154, 158, 162, 163.
[2] See Vol. 83, page 157.
[3] See Vol. 83, page 178.
[4] See Vol. 83, pages 187, 188.
[5] See Vol. 83, page 188.
[6] See Vol. 83, pages 188–190.
[7] See Vol. 83, page 190.
[8] See Vol. 83, page 191.

were right in dismissing Robert Hindley, the Deputy Governor, for having offered a bribe to his predecessor to vacate the post for him[1]. They have, however, committed one grievous error. They have established a Court of Judicature consisting of the members of the Council or any three of them to meet every Tuesday to decide all matters relating to property under the value of $ 200 between Europeans, Chinese and the Natives. In causes exceeding $ 50 they have allowed an appeal to the Deputy Governor and Council. They have likewise empowered this Court to try all petty crimes and misdemeanours and to inflict corporal punishment. They have had no authority to create such a Court, nor have the Presidency any to confirm it. This Court therefore should be immediately abolished and in its place the Deputy Governor and Council should be required to meet once a week to hear and determine all causes of property and to enquire into all petty crimes. Causes between Europeans might be recommended for arbitration. Those between the Natives must be tried by the Council with the assistance of three Native headmen. But in all causes in which the Europeans are concerned the Court should act strictly conformable to English Laws[2]. Finally the report generally approved the conduct of the Supervisors and recommended that Pybus might be confirmed in his post and another Supervisor appointed to assist him[3].

The Government approved most of the proposals[4] and requested Bengal to prohibit all merchants and the Company's covenanted servants from trading in opium in Natal and to send 50 chests of the best opium with other stores to Sumatra by the January ships[5]. And as Walsh had expressed his opinion that another Supervisor was not needed there, no Supervisor to assist Pybus was appointed[6].

Among miscellaneous points of interest in these Consultations may be mentioned, the presentation of a diamond ring worth 1,000 pagodas to Robert Palk in appreciation of his various diplomatic services[7]; the returns of the Bengal recruits detained on the Coast in 1750, 1751, 1752 and 1753[8]; the order for the erection of a temporary bridge at Triplicane[9]; the succour which the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam rendered to the Dutch when their factory at Bimlipatam was burnt down by the Marathas[10]; the stoppages from the pension of Gautakie, the ex-King of Tanjore to satisfy his debts to Sheva Ganga[11]; the grant of a piece of ground in Tondiarpet in Egmore district to Sunca Venkata Ramah equal in extent to that which was granted to his forefather at Chintadripet by Governor Collet, but later confiscated by Governor Pitt[12]; the grant of another piece of ground to Wynch in exchange for the one he had surrendered to the Company[13]; the contract made with Linga Chittee by which he agreed to provide 30,000 Madras Pagodas in 40 days at 10 per cent. batta[14]; certain charges of fraud framed by John Moore against Smith and Cooke[15], the suspension of Thomas Cooke a member of the Council of Fort St. David[16]; the list of perquisites received by the members of the Council at Fort St. George;[17] the temporary confinement of Paupa Brahminy and Perumal Mudaliar on the charge of secreting public documents[18]; the appointment of a committee consisting of Powney, Orme and Wynch in the place of Wynch the contractor, for supplying provisions to the army[19]; the survey ordered to be made of Madras bounds and its districts by Messrs. Hume and Sausure under the direction of Brohier[20]; the Nawab's grant of a Nobet to the Company[21]; and the usual list of Company's inhabitants not in the Company's service, and of the Company's covenanted servants[22].

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1 See Vol. 83, pages 191, 192.
2 See Vol. 83, page 193.
3 See Vol. 83, page 195.
4 See Vol. 83, page 178.
5 See Vol. 83, pages 78, 178, 200.
6 See Vol. 83, pages 158, 179.
7 See Vol. 82, page 135.
8 See Vol. 82, pages 48, 49.
9 See Vol. 83, page 109.
10 See Vol. 82, pages 138, 159; Vol. 83, page 52.
11 See Vol. 82, pages 14, 61.
12 See Vol. 82, pages 44, 50.
13 See Vol. 82, page 184.
14 See Vol. 82, page 203.
15 See Vol. 83, pages 78, 136, 144, 145, 158.
16 See Vol. 83, pages 171, 200.
17 See Vol. 83, pages 213, 214.
18 See Vol. 82, pages 150, 173, 174, 184.
19 See Vol. 83, page 214.
20 See Vol. 83, page 259.
21 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 99.
See Vol. 83, pages 179, 185.
22 See Vol. 83, pages 263–269.

COMPANY'S SHIPPING TABLE.

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK, 1754.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Cuddalore (Sloop).	Nathaniel Hammond.	(1) 20th January 1754.	From Negrais.	Musters of timber[1]—16 Malabar coolies, 1 coffree slave[1]—Sergeant James Jackson[1] and 3 private men as passengers—two letters from Henry Brooke at Negrais dated 31st December 1753 and 11th January 1754, two letters from Robert Westgarth at Syrian dated 18th December 1753 and 2nd January 1754 and one from Captain Mainwaring at Negrais dated 11th January 1754.	16th February 1754.	For Fort St. David and Devicotta.	To Fort St. David: Stores—A general letter dated 15th February 1754. To Devicotta: A general letter dated 15th February 1754.
Do.	Do.	(2) 2nd March 1754.	From Fort St. David and Devicotta.	From Fort St. David: 120 bales of cloth—a general letter dated 27th February 1754 with one from Captain Schaub. From Devicotta: A small bale of Muster cloth.	10th March 1754.	For Fort St. David and Devicotta under the convoy of *Durrington*[2].	To Fort St. David: A general letter dated 9th March 1754. To Devicotta: A detachment of Military consisting of 1 Adjutant, 2 Serjeants, 1 drummer, 27 Topasses and 30 coffrees[2].

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Dept., pages 16, 17.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Dept., page 61.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc
Cuddalore (Sloop)—*cont.*	Nathaniel Hammond.	(3) 18th March 1754.	From Devicotta and Fort St. David.	From Devicotta: a general letter dated 17th March 1754.	26th March 1754.	For Negrais touching at Vizagapatam.	To Negrais: Rs. 30,000[1]—2 palanquins (for the use of the King of Pegu[1])—general letters to Henry Brooke at Negrais and to Thomas Taylor and Robert Westgarth at Syrian, all dated 25th March 1754—also letters to the King of Pegu and Upper Raja[1]. To Northern Settlements: General letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam dated 25th March 1754.
Do.	Do.	(4) 8th October 1754.	From Negrais touching at Bengal.	From Negrais:— To Bengal: Teak—Mr. Knapton as passenger (he died there later). To Madras: A general letter from Henry Brooke dated 18th August 1754. From Bengal: 500 bags of Saltpetre—3 bales of baftaes—two general letters dated 1st and 16th September 1754.	9th November 1754.	For Negrais.	Rs. 10,000 and 1,000 Pagodas worth of fanams—a reinforcement consisting of 6 Military, 1 Serjeant of artillery and 6 men of the train under John Dyer (Ensign)—Mr. Patrick Leslie (Surgeon) as passenger[2]—a General letter dated 6th November 1754.

Dragon ..	Henry Kent ..	21st January 1754.	From Bengal.	Lieutenant Richard Bishop, Ensign Francis Hayes and Lieutenant Lawrence Witherington as passengers—a general letter dated 27th December 1753.	9th February 1754.	For England touching at Fort Marlborough.	To England :— From Bengal : 1,200 bags of saltpetre and 600 maunds of redwood[3]. From Madras : Diamonds and private goods[4]—A despatch dated 7th February 1754. To Fort Marlborough:– From Bengal : Rice[3]. From Madras : 8 bales of long cloth[3]—31 coffree women[3] — private goods[3]—a General letter dated 7th February 1754.
Dragon (Sloop).	Vallabou (Syrang).	(1) 7th February 1754.	From Devicotta.	....	13th February 1754.	For Fort St. David.	Stores—1,00,000 Rs. and 2,000 Pagodas worth of fanams—a general letter dated 12th February 1754.
Do.	Do.	(2) 7th March 1754.	From Fort St. David.	50 bales of calicoes—a general letter dated 5th March 1754.	27th March 1754.	For Fort St. David and Devicotta.	Rev. Mr. Palk as passenger[5].
Do.	Do.	(3) 4th September 1754.	From Fort St. David.	40 Lascars—A general letter dated 2nd September 1754.	8th September 1754.	For Vizagapatam.	Stores—general letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Madapollam dated 6th September 1754.

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Dept., pages 71–75.
[2] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 232.
[3] See do. do. pages 26–30.
[4] See Public Despatches to England, 1752–56, Ms. Vol. 21, page 23.
[5] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 71.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Dragon (Sloop)—*cont.*	Vallabou (Syrang).	(4) 15th October 1754.	From Vizagapatam.	....	26th October 1754.	For Fort St. David.	2 chests of medicines and King's Stores[1]—A general letter dated 24th October 1754.
Durrington ..	Richard Drake ..	11th February 1754.	From Bengal.	Rice—a general letter dated 17th January 1754, one from Thomas Coales at Ingellee dated 25th January 1754 and two from the Supercargoes at Canton dated 10th November 1753.	10th March 1754.	For England touching at St. Helena.	To England :—1,250 bales, 60 tons of saltpetre, diamonds and private goods[2]—Captain John Dalton and Joseph Firmage as passengers—a Despatch dated 9th March 1754 and a separate Despatch of the same date. To St. Helena :—Stores (from Bengal)—a General letter dated 9th March 1754.
Colchester ..	Roger Mainwaring.	(1) 29th March 1754.	From Negrais	....	13th April 1754.	For Batavia.	10,000 Arcot Rupees (for purchasing timber)—a general letter dated 12th April 1754.
Do.	Do.	(2) 30th September 1754.	From Batavia.	Teak timber and plank ..	14th October 1754.	For Bengal.	Timber and plank—Coral, private silver and a packet (these came by *Norfolk* for Bengal)—a general letter dated 12th October 1754.

Syren (Sloop).	John Smith ..	15th April 1754.	From Bengal.	Col. Caroline Frederick Scott as passenger—a general letter dated 19th March 1754.	18th May 1754.	For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	From Madras :—75,000 Arcot Rupees—two general letters dated 8th and 16th May 1754. From Vizagapatam : French deserters.
St. George ..	Robert Robinson.	(1) 15th May 1754.	From England touching at Madeira.	From England :—30 chests of silver—100 barrels of gunpowder and about 70 tons of lead[3]—Coral for purchasing diamonds[4]—private goods and merchandize[5]—62 military recruits—George Smith as passenger (not in Company's service)—A Despatch dated 28th November 1753. From Madeira :—150 pipes of Madeira wine—a general letter dated 18th January 1754.	31st May 1754.	For Fort St. David and Devicotta.	To Fort St. David :—100 candies of lead and 30 pipes of Madeira wine (from those consigned for Bengal)—Stores—1,00,000 Rupees and 2,000 Pagodas worth of fanams—a general letter dated 31st May 1754. To Devicotta :—A detachment of 63 Military under Lieutenant Hugh Mackie[6]—20 chests of arms containing 500 buccaneer pieces—a general letter dated 31st May 1754.

[1] See letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 223.
[2] See Dodwell, H.—Calendar of Madras Despatches, 1744–55, pages 215–218.
[3] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Manuscript Vol. 57, page 42.
[4] See Do. do. page 5.
[5] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Manuscript Vol. 57, pages 167–169.
[6] See Letters from Fort St. George , 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 98, 99.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
St. George—*cont.*	Robert Robinson.	(2) 19th June 1754. From Fort St. David.	....	2nd July 1754. For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal :—4 military[1]—292 bales of broad cloth[1] (received from England by the *True Briton* for Bengal)—75,100 Arcot Rupees and 2,40,000 Madras Rupees—a general letter dated 30th June 1754 with a packet from the Court of Directors. To Northern Settlements :—Stores[2] and Madras Pagodas 5,000 to Vizagapatam, 5,000 to Ingeram and 5,000 to Madapollam—a general letter to each settlement dated 30th June 1754.
Stafford ..	John Green	3rd June 1754. From Bombay touching at Tellicherry.	From Bombay :—A detachment of 50 soldiers and two officers—Rs. 50,100 (intended for Bengal)—a general letter dated 3rd May 1754. From Tellicherry :— 100 Topasses and 60 sepoys and Calliquilons—two general letters dated 20th April and 19th May 1754.	11th June 1754. For Canton.	400 Candies of sandalwood and about 752 candies of pepper (from Tellicherry).

Triton ..	Gilbert Slater. ..	8th June 1754.	From England.	40 chests of silver—268 bales of broad cloth, 39 bales of long ells and 1 bale of flannels[3]—lead, copper, iron, gunpowder[4] and other wares and stores—Coral for purchasing diamonds[3]—2 chests of private silver[5]—private goods and merchandize[6]—34 military recruits—Samuel Johnson as passenger (in Company's service)—John Buvieau, Samuel Blont and John Mapletoft as supercargoes—a Despatch dated 19th December 1753.	7th July 1754.	Do.	About 185 candies of redwood[7]—a general letter dated 7th July 1754 to the Company's supercargoes of the *Triton*.
Onslow ..	Thomas Hinde ..	8th June 1754.	From England.	25 chests of silver and 1 chest of gold—268 bales and 1 case of broad cloth, 38 bales of long ells, 1 bale of flannels and 7 chests of paper[8]—lead, copper, iron, gunpowder[4] and other wares and stores—Coral for purchasing diamonds[8]—private goods and merchandize[9]—47 military recruits[10]—Thomas Thompson, Thomas Sandys and Benjamin Torin as supercargoes—a Despatch dated 19th December 1753.	12th July 1754.	Do.	About 119 candies of redwood[11]—a general letter dated 11th July 1754 to the supercargoes of the ship *Onslow*.

[1] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 116–118.
[2] See Do. do. page 118.
[3] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 7.
[4] See Do. do. page 50.
[5] See Do. do. page 219.
[6] See Do. do. pages 171–173.
[7] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 124.
[8] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 9.
[9] See Do. do. pages 175–177.
[10] 48 Recruits are mentioned on pages 237–39 of the above Despatch Vol.
[11] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 130.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Protector ..	William James ..	(1) 10th June 1754.	From Bombay touching at Fort St. David.	From Bombay:—A detachment of 59 Europeans and 200 sepoys—100 three inch planks—Rs. 2,50,000 (intended for Bengal)—a general letter dated 20th May 1754. From Fort St. David:—40 men of Captain Zieglar's Company and the Detachment intended for Devicotta by the *St. George*[1]—Captain Gaupp as passenger—a general letter dated 8th June 1754.	1st July 1754.	For Fort St. David.	Wares and stores—Arcot Rs. 3,00,000—a general letter dated 30th June 1754.
Do. ..	Do.	(2) 11th July 1754.	From Fort St. David.	A general letter dated 10th July 1754.	20th July 1754.	For Bombay.	A general letter dated 19th July 1754 with packets received from Anjengo and Europe for that presidency.
Essex ..	George Jackson.	10th June 1754.	From England.	40 chests of silver—269 bales of broad cloth, 37 bales of long ells, 1 bale of flannels and 7 chests of paper[2]—medicine[2]—lead, copper, iron, gunpowder[3]—5,000 three pounder round shot and other wares and stores—coral for purchasing diamonds[4]—private goods and	11th July 1754.	For Canton.	About 36 candies of redwood[6]—a general letter to the Supercargoes at Canton dated 10th July 1754.

				merchandize[5]—30 military recruits and 4 officers namely Captains Alexander Callender and Thomas White and Lieutenants Thomas Newton and William Jennings (all as passengers in Company's service)—William Fead as supercargo—a Despatch dated 19th December 1753 with packets for Bengal and Bombay.			
True Briton ..	Henry Broadley.	13th June 1754.	From England.	23 chests of silver and 2 chests of gold—300 bales of broad cloth[7] (intended for Bengal)—lead, copper, iron, gunpowder[3] and other wares and stores—Coral for purchasing diamonds[8]— 2 chests of private silver[9]—private goods and merchandize[10]—28 military recruits[11] and two Ensigns namely John Henry Meyers and Joseph Darke (as passengers in Company's service)—a Despatch dated 19th December 1753.	Do.	Do.	About 15 candies of redwood [12]—a general letter to the Supercargoes at Canton dated 10th July 1754.

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 133.
[2] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 12.
[3] See Do. do. page 50.
[4] See Do. do. page 11.
[5] See Do. do. pages 179–181.
[6] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 125.

[7] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 14.
[8] See Do. do. page 13.
[9] See Do. do. page 221.
[10] See Do. do. pages 183–185.
[11] 31 including officers are mentioned on pages 129 and 243 of the above Despatch Volume.
[12] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 128.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Illchester ..	John Tedd ..	13th June 1754. From England.	40 chests of silver—268 bales and 1 case of broad cloth, 37 bales of long ells and 1 bale of flannels[1]—Medicine[1]—lead, copper, iron, gunpowder[2] and other wares and stores—Coral for purchasing diamonds [3]—private goods and merchandize[4]—29 military recruits and five officers[5] (mentioned below)— Passengers: Captain George Beaver, Lieutenants John Tabby and Robert Campbell, cadets John Nollekens and William James Tabby, Waldgrave Pelham and James Broadbent as writers (all these in Company's service); Amelia Hopkins, Rachel Beaver, Ann Jane Beaver and John Thomas Beaver[6] (all these not in Company's service)—a Despatch dated 19th December 1753 with packets for Bengal and Bombay.	11th July 1754. For Canton..	About 53 candies of redwood[7]— a general letter to the supercargoes at Canton dated 10th July 1754.
Montfort ..	Frederick Vincent.	18th June 1754. From Bombay.	A detachment of 115 sepoys— a general letter dated 24th May 1754.	27th June 1754. For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal: A general letter dated 26th June 1754. To Vizagapatam: Lieutenant Nelson and four Serjeants—

							a general letter dated 26th June 1754.
Denham ..	.. George Meard ..	5th July 1754.	From England.	2 chests of gold—lead and other wares and stores—Coral and glass beads for purchasing diamonds[8]—private goods and merchandize[9]—56 chests of silver, 3 cases of swords and 63 military recruits (all these three intended for Bengal)—two Despatches dated 23rd and 31st January 1754.	22nd August 1754.	For Bengal.	About 135 candies of redwood, 20 chests of silver, 10 chests of Arcot Rupees and 30 chests of Madras Rupees[10]—a general letter dated 21st August 1754 with packets received from England and West Coast.
York ..	.. Edward Ward ..	7th July 1754.	Do.	2 chests of gold—Wares and stores—Coral, amber, emeralds and silver for purchasing diamonds[11]—4 chests of private silver[12]—private goods and merchandize[13]—54 chests of silver, 3 cases of swords and 60 military recruits (all these three intended for Bengal)—Passengers: Robert Dowsett (in Company's service); John Worthington Turner, Peter Mariette, Thomas Forrest[14] (these three not in Company's service; the last was	28th July 1754	For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal: 51 chests of Arcot Rupees, 10 chests of Madras Rupees and 10 chests of bullion— John Harley and John Baptist Mioch[15] (a French deserter) as passengers— a general letter dated 27th July 1754 with a packet from England and a letter from Bombay. To Northern Settlements: 50,000 Arcot Rupees and 5,000

[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 16.
[2] See Do. do. page 50.
[3] See Do. do. page 15.
[4] See Do. do. pages 187–190.
[5] 41 including officers are mentioned on pages 245 and 246 of the above Despatch volume.
[6] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 293.
[7] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 127.
[8] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 17.
[9] See Do. do. pages 191–194.
[10] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 153–155.
[11] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 19.
[12] See Do. do. page 223.
[13] See Do. do. pages 195–200.
[14] See Do. do. pages 293, 294.
[15] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 137–141

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
				intended for Bengal)—a Despatch dated 23rd January 1754.			Madras Pagodas for Vizagapatam, 20,000 Madras Pagodas for Ingeram and 20,000 Madras Pagodas for Madapollam—a general letter dated 27th July 1754 to each of the three Settlements.
Prince George.	Edward Burman and later William Ormston.	5th August 1754.	From Fort Marlborough and Batavia.	A general letter dated 12th February 1754 with one from St. Helena dated 3rd April 1753, two from Captain Roger Mainwaring dated 5th June and 6th July 1754 and one from Daniel Tottie dated 2nd February 1754.	24th October 1754.	For Fort Marlborough touching at Natal.	To Fort Marlborough: 20 coffree slaves—stores such as Taffities, chintz, gunny bags, oil, opium[1]—250 barrels of gunpowder[1]—1,800 bags of saltpetre[2]—400 bars of iron[2]—9 chests of private opium—private goods and merchandize[3]—general letters to Fort Marlborough and Natal dated 21st October 1754.
Norfolk ..	Pinson Bonham	17th August 1754.	From England.	2 chests of gold and 53 chests of silver (the latter intended for Bengal)—Wares and stores—coral, jewels and silver for purchasing diamonds[4]— 5 chests of	.	..	....

				private silver[5]—private goods and merchandize[6]—60 military recruits[7]—passengers: James Macarmick (in Company's service); Francis Barnewall[8] (not in Company's service)—three Despatches dated 23rd, 27th and 31st January 1754.			
Anson ..	Robert Veitch ..	29th August 1754.	From England.	5 chests of gold and 15 chests of silver (the latter intended for Bengal)—gunpowder and other wares and stores—Coral for purchasing diamonds[9]—private goods and merchandize[10]—34 Swiss soldiers[11]—James Lyon[12] as passenger (not in Company's service)—a Despatch dated 15th February 1754.	16th September 1754.	For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal: 36 chests of Madras Rupees and 12 chests of Arcot Rupees[13]—a general letter dated 14th September 1754. To Northern Settlements: 5,000 Madras Pagodas for Vizagapatam, 10,000 Madras Pagodas for Ingeram, and 10,000 Madras Pagodas for Madapollam—a general letter to each settlement dated 14th September 1754.

[1] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 201–216.
[2] See Do. do. page 222.
[3] See Do. do. pages 217–221.
[4] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 21.
[5] See Do. do. page 225.
[6] See Do. do. pages 201–205.
[7] The figure includes those intended for Bengal, as it is mentioned on pages 131 and 247 of the above Despatch Vol. that only 35 Swiss soldiers were sent to this presidency.
[8] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 294.
[9] See Do. do. page 24.
[10] See Do. do. pages 207–209.
[11] 35 soldiers are mentioned on pages 249 and 250 of the above Despatch Vol.
[12] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 293.
[13] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, pages 167–170.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival	and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure	and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Brittania ..	Nevell Norway ..	(1) 12th September 1754.	From England touching at Fort St. David.	From England: 50 tons of lead[1] and other Wares and stores—private goods and merchandize[2]—King's troops consisting of 114 of Col. Adlercron's Regiment and 27 Royal Regiment of Artillery[3] under the command of Lieutenant Col. Bagshaw with stores for their use (landed at Fort St. David)—two Despatches dated 2nd and 25th March 1754. From Fort St. David: A general letter dated 10th September 1754 with musters of cloth.	24th September 1754.	For Fort St. David.	Stores received by the *Warren*[4] for the use of the King's Troops and Naval Squadron —James Broadbent and Robert Dowsett as passengers—a general letter dated 23rd September 1754.
Do. ..	Do. ..	(2) 13th October 1754.	From Fort St. David.	Two soldiers—a general letter dated 11th October 1754.	17th October 1754.	For Bengal.	50 Tons of lead[5]—a general letter dated 16th October 1754.
Warren ..	Alphonsus Glover.	12th September 1754.	From England.	Stores for the use of the King's troops—one chest of private gold and one chest and small case of wrought silver[6] —private goods and merchandize[7]—59 military recruits[8] (intended for Bombay)—passengers: Major Alexander Heron and Robert Orme (in Company's service); John Hussy[9] (Mr. Orme's servant)—a Des-	9th October 1754.	For Bombay touching at Fort St. David.	To Bombay: A deserter[10] —a general letter dated 7th October 1754. To Fort St. David: 2,000 Pagodas worth of fanams, two tumbrils — passengers: Captain Charles Campbell, Major Alexander Heron, Lieutenants Achilles

				patch dated 15th March 1754 with a separate Despatch of the same date.			Preston and Rodolph Wagner, Michael Burk[11] (volunteer)—a general letter dated 7th October 1754.
Winchelsea ..	Christopher Baron.	14th September 1754.	From Bombay.	A silver mace for Mayor's Court—James Foules and two Europeans as passengers—a general letter dated 26th August 1754.	22nd September 1754.	For Bengal.	A general letter dated 19th September 1754 with packets received from England by *Norfolk* and *London* for Bengal.
London ..	Richard Alwright.	(1) 15th September 1754.	From England.	20 chests of silver—80 tons of iron[12]—private goods and merchandize[13]—King's troops consisting of 119 of Col. Adlercron's Regiment and 27 of the Royal Regiment of Artillery[14] with stores for their use—two Despatches dated 2nd and 29th March 1754.	19th September 1754.	For Fort St. David.	King's Troops and their stores received from England by this ship[15]—a general letter dated 18th September 1754.
Do. ..	Do.	(2) 10th October 1754.	From Fort St. David.	A general letter dated 7th October 1754.	17th October 1754.	For Bengal	80 tons of iron—part of cargo that came by the *Norfolk* for the Bengal Presidency—a general letter dated 17th October 1754.

[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 109.
[2] See Do. do. pages 211, 212.
[3] See Do. do. page 255.
[4] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 183.
[5] See Do. do. page 195.
[6] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 227.
[7] See Do. do. pages 213, 214.
[8] 65 soldiers are mentioned on pages 251–52 of the above Despatch Vol.
[9] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 295.
[10] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 188.
[11] See Do. do. pages 186, 187.
[12] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 109.
[13] See Do. do. pages 215, 216.
[14] See Do. do. page 257.
[15] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 176.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
King Fisher (His Majesty's Sloop).	Best Myhell ..	(1) 17th September 1754.	From England touching at Fort St. David.	From England: A Detachment of Col. Adlercron's Regiment[1] (King's Troops) landed at Fort St. David.	20th September 1754.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	Do. ..	(2) 11th October 1754.	From Fort St. David.	....	15th October 1754.	For Bengal.	....
Bridgewater (His Majesty's ship).	William Martin.	(1) 24th [25th?] September 1754.	From England touching at Fort St. David.	From England: A detachment of Col. Adlercron's regiment[1] (King's Troops) landed at Fort St. David. From Fort St. David: Captain Henry Speke as passenger[2] with a letter from Admiral Watson[3] at Fort St. David, dated 24th September 1754.	30th September 1754.	For Fort St. David.	Captain Henry Speke as passenger with a general letter to Admiral Watson, dated 29th September 1754[4].
Do.	Do.	(2) 11th October 1754.	From Fort St. David.	A letter from Admiral Watson, dated 7th October 1754[5].	15th October 1754.	For Bengal.	....
Kent	George Wilson ..	1st October 1754.	From England touching at Fort St. David.	From England: 20 chests of silver—50 tons of lead and 30 tons of iron[6]—11 chests of private silver[7]—Private goods and merchandize[8]—King's troops consisting of Col. Adlercron's Regiment and Royal Regiment of Artillery[1] with stores for their use (landed at Fort St. David)—Col. Adlercron as passenger—a Despatch dated 2nd March 1754.	13th October 1754.	Do.	Lead and iron that came by this ship from England[9]—part of the Cargo that came by the *Norfolk* for Bengal—a general letter dated 13th October 1754.

Porto Bello (Sloop).	William Grierson.	18th October 1754.	From Negrais touching at Vizagapatam.	From Negrais: Timber— a general letter dated 2nd September 1754. From Vizagapatam : a general letter dated 28th September 1754.	27th October 1754.	Do.	Timber that came by this ship from Negrais—a general letter dated 26th October 1754.
Cumberland (His Majesty's ship).	Commodore Pocock.	20th December 1754.	From England.	....	..	..	....
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[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 99.
[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1754, Military Department, page 213.
[3] See Do. do. page 215.
[4] See Do. do. pages 227, 228.
[5] See Do. do. pages 237, 238.
[6] Seo Public Despatches from England, 1753–54, Ms. Vol. 57, page 109.
[7] See Do. do. page 231.
[8] See Do. do. pages 217–218.
[9] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1754, Ms. Vol. 30, page 194.

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The Consultations and Diary Book of Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George containing Their Proceedings and Transactions in the Affairs of The United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies relating to the Presidency on the Coast of Choromandel. Began 2^d. January 1754.

Received by Tappies two General Letters from Fort S^t. David. 2^d.

Arrived sloop Salingore Peter Gallopine from Mallacca. 3^d.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. GOV^R. PRESIDENT. MONDAY THE 7TH.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.

ALEXAND^R. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 31st. Decr. 1753 read & signed.

Hospital reported. M^r. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital & found no cause of Complaint.

Genl. Letter from Fort St. David read. N°. 1 & 2 General Letters from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort S^t. David both dated 28th. Decr. read, the first acquainting us that the Books of that Settlement for the Year 1752 being now ready to close they send Us the several acco^ts. of profit & Loss which they desire our permission to write off as well as the two articles of Salt Petre & Gunnies short received ℔ ships Bombay Castle and Chesterfield in 1752 as appears by the adjustment sent from hence, and desiring Our directions in regard to twelve Tarpaulins said to be sent down in January 1753 but which they can get no account off. The Second encloses a Letter to them from M^r. Alexander Baird desiring to resign the Company's service.

Export Wareho. kr. to deliver in an accot. of salt petre, gunnies & tarpaulings. ORDERED that the Export Warehousek^r. deliver in at next Consultation a particular account of the Gunnies and Salt Petre deficient ℔ Bombay Castle and Chesterfield and also of the Tarpawlings mention'd in the foregoing Letter

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1754* —

Mr. Baird's resignation accepted.

[wr]ote to

Agreed that Mr. Baird's Resignation be accepted and that he have leave to come up hither whenever he may chuse it to prepare for his passage to England, that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be advised thereof, and acquainted in answer to their foregoing Lres, that on examining the several accounts they enclose of Profit and Loss, We cannot conceive how so large a profit could arise as pagodas 3844. 8. 78 which appears to have been made on Bale Goods of which sum Pags. 2135. 24. 24 is the gain on *Salempores Midling alone, and that this may be the better cleared up to Us, We desire an account sales of those Goods may be sent us as soon as possible, that We observe also in the Storehouse and Military Storehouse accounts, sundry articles, said to be lost by Rust, breakage and Wastage, that this also must be more particularly cleared up to Us, for tho' they may be liable to such accidents they cannot be totally lost, that when We receive their answer We shall immediately send them our directions thereon as well as in relation to the other particulars on which they desire Our Orders. That we have considered the Report they sent us some time ago of the survey of their Military stores and would have such of them as can admit of it, be substantially repaired, and that the Materials of the others be apply'd to such uses as may be most advantageous.

It being this day resolved to send a Reinforcement to DeveCotah, and there being a sloop now in the Road ready to proceed which the president acquaints the Board the owners are willing to let to the Company at such Freight as the Board shall think reasonable, Agreed that the said sloop be hired for the Trip, and the Board being of Opinion that fifty (50) Pagodas is a reasonable allowance, the president for the owners accepts the same.

A Boat being ready to proceed to Fort St. David a Letter from the Secretary by Order of the President and Council, to the Deputy Govr. and Council there is now sign'd and sent advising that the abovemention'd sloop will be ordered to lay too in their Road and make a signal, and that the Officers who lately went from hence are to hold themselves in readyness upon such signal to go on [board in] Order to proceed to DeveCotah.

Sundrys Indented for by Mr. Westcott, to be sent ℔ Charles Schooner and the three northern settlemts. to be wrote to.

Ordered that ten pieces of Scarlet [cloth] indented for by Mr. Westcott and also some Match [be] ready to be sent him on the Charles Schooner which is [prepa]ring to sail in a few days and that General Letters [be] wrote to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, Ingeram [and] Madapollam, to acquaint them with what We pro[pose to] write to Nabob Jaffer Ally Cawn and Viziaram [Raju] mentioned in Extraordinary occurrences of this [date and] We would have them cultivate a Friendship with both if possible without making any direct [promise of] assistance, that we are apprehensive the Gran[t to] the French by Salabat Jing of the Rajahmundr[y and] Chicacul countrys will put it in their power wh[ich no] doubt but they will use to hurt the Company's [Interest] and would have them protest formally against any Encroachments on the Company's Rights. [Mr.] Andrews at Bandarmalanka be further [acquainted] that as his Residence there is only on suffer[ance of] any Grant we are in some pain lest the Countr[y powers] should be set on to molest him, that we earnest[ly ...] it to him to continue there as long as he may, [like] and then retire to the Company's Factory at Ma[dapollam].

Mr. George Dolben ordered to Bandarmalanka to assist the Resident.

Mr. Andrews at Bandarmalanka in want of an assistant in the room of Mr. [...] has been ordered to accompany Colonel Sco[...] that Mr. George Dolben at present under [...] be appointed to that station and take his [passage] thither on the Charles schooner.

The Mayor's Court request an advance of 500 Pagodas.

Letter from Mr. Danl. Morse [Regr. of] the Mayor's Court read as entered hereafter, [...] an account of the Disbursements of the [...] requesting a further advance of five hun[dred pagodas].

* A kind of cotton cloth sometimes white *Hobson Jobson*—page 784.

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Agreed that the said sum [of 500] Pagodas, be advanced accordingly. Granted.

The Committee of Accounts [lays before the] Board as entered hereafter their Report in Relation to [the] Tripoly Renter his accounts which were referr'd to them to be examined, Agreed that the sum of eight thousand, 8000, Pags. which the said Renter hath carried to his Credit for so much said to be received by Mahomud Camaul in the beginning of the last feast be allowed, that the sum of five thousand five hundred and One Pagodas, twenty seven fanams (5501. 27. —) paid Abdul Bob Cawn be demanded of him and admitted in the Credit of the said account, but that the sum of seven hundred and eighty Pagodas and nine fanams, 780. 9. — Charged as so much paid the Soucars for Remittances to the Company, be demanded of the said Renter as well [as] the Ballance of his account being forty three thousand, four hundred and thirty seven Pagodas, four fanams and forty Cash (43437. 4. 40) and four thousand and twenty five (4025) Arcot Rupees, and that he be kept under Confinem[ent] untill he discharge the same. The Committee of account report their proceedings in the Tripoly accounts. Order thereon.

It being represented to the Board that there is reason to suspect the Farmers of the Measuring Duty exact more from the Inhabitants for measuring of Grain than what they are entitled to by their [1]Cowle Ordered that Messrs. John Smith and Charles Bourchier enquire particularly into the Dutys collected and whether there have been any Extortions and Report the same to the Board. Messrs. Smith and Bourchier to enquire in relation to Extortions by the Measuring farmers and Report.

It being also Represented to the Board that the [2]Mettow peons and others exact a Duty on Firewood, Bra[...] Greens and generally on all provisions brought into the Bounds whereby the price is greatly raised to the prejudice of the Inhabitants in general, Ordered that a notice sign'd by the Secretary be affixed at the Sea Gate and that publick notice be given by beat of Tom Tom, that no Duties whatsoever are on any account to be demanded or paid for provisions brought into the Bounds and the more effectually to carry this order into Execution that a Reward of five Pagodas be offered and paid to any person who shall make discovery of any such exaction in future. All provisions to be brought into the Bounds free of Duty. Publick notice to be given and a Reward offered.

The Rice and paddy for store in Chingalaput having been there a considerable time and beginning to [decay] Ordered that it be sold and the produce thereof carried to the Credit of Nabob Annaverdee Cawn's Accounts and that sufficient quantity of new Grain for stores be purchased & laid in Debiting the Nabob for the amount, and it is also Agreed that the several Officers in the Out Garrisons be ordered in future to inspect at proper times into the provisions and stores and to advise the president what condition they are in. Rice and paddy in Chingalaput to be sold and replac'd with new on the Nabob's accot.

An account of sundry's advanc'd at Bombay to the family's of the Detachment of Seapoys sent from thence to our assistance being laid before the Board Order'd that the Accountant examine whether any part of the same hath as yet been carried to the Credit of Bombay presidency and if not that the whole be carried to the said Credit. Bombay to be credited for sundrys advanc'd [to] detachment of [sepoys.]

Our Honble Masters having been pleas'd in the 34th. Paragraph of their seperate General Letter relating to the Charter dated 24th. Janry. 1753 to direct that the Accompt. General, Register of the Mayor's Court and the person who should be appointed to keep the Books for the Company with the Accountant General should have such Gratuity or Salary as the president and Council should think reasonable, the Board having considered thereof are of opinion that they each of them be allowed a salary of twenty pounds a Year to commence from the 13th. August last. the day the Accountant General was appointed and that our Honble Masters be acquainted that We cannot yet form a perfect Judgement whether this salary be adequate to the Trouble, but shall from time to time acquaint them with our sentiments thereon. [Salary] of £20 ℔ ann. allow'd the Accompt. Genl. Register & Sub-Accomptant.

1. from Ar. *Kaul*, a grant, *Love's Vestiges* of Old Madras, page 46, Vol. I.
2. a place where toll or custom is taken, *H.H. Wilson's Glossary* of Judicial and Revenue Terms,

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A Bill for victual[ling] a detachment sent to St. David ordered to be paid.

Mr. Charles Bourchier Attorney for Capt. Edward Burman, lays before the Board an account of the Cost of victualling twenty three Military for three days in transporting them from hence to Fort St. David in the ship Prince George Ordered that the Commissary discharge the same, and that the amount thereof being eighteen Pagodas, twenty seven fanams (18. 27. –) be carried to the Debit of the Nabob's account, as the men were intended for his service.

Ren̄. Gen̄. reports that sundry houses pay no quit Rent. Ordered that all Houses pay proportionally.

The Rental General lays before the Board an account of Quit Rents collected in the Black Town and also a List of a number of Houses that have for reasons at present unknown been exempted from paying any acknowledgments whereon he desires the directions of the Board. Ordered that all Houses whatever pay a quit Rent or acknowledgment to the Company, and that the sum be proportion'd to the Value of the House.

10000 Pags. repaid the President.

The President desiring to be repaid ten thousand, 10000 Pagodas the remainder of twenty thousand advanced by him the 26th. November Agreed that it be paid accordingly.

Cash account read. also.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest twenty two thousand seven hundred and forty four pagods. sixteen fanams and five Cash (22744. 16. 5) and seven hundred and sixty three, 763, Madrass Pagodas, which is carried forward.

Treasury accounts.

The Treasury accounts for last Month are also read the several Ballances being compared and found right are one Million and fourteen thousand nine hundred and sixty nine Arcot Rupees thirteen annaes and seven pice (1014969. 13. 7) and eight thousand three hundred and twenty 8320, Madrass Rupees, which are carried forward.

Money pd. in for Rups. sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. paid in the 3d. Instant, one thousand three hundred and fifty one Pagodas, twelve fanams and fifty two Cash 1351. 12. 52 for Rupees sold to compleat the advances agreed in last Consultn.

Beetle & Tobacco Rent paid in.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kellava Chetty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers pay in six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. November last.

Arrack &c. Rent [pai]d in.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence pay in three hundred and thirty three Pagodas and twelve fanams (333. 12) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. November last.

Advanc'd to the Commissary. & [Sun]ca Rama &ca. [Me]rchants.

Agreed that four thousand, 4000, Pagodas be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

And that five thousand, 5000, pagods. be advanc'd to Sunca Vencata Ramah and Ambaltoddy Chittee on account of the Company's Investment.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1754 —

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to an Order of the Mayors Court of this date, I now transmit for your Honour &ca. Inspection an account of the several Disbursements attending that Corporation since its late Establishment, where you will find that the said Corporation stands now indebted the Ballance of two hundred and forty eight Pagodas, five fanams and thirty seven Cash (248. 5. 37) to pay off which, as well as to have a stock sufficient to answer the necessary charge[s.] They have also directed me to request of your Honour &ca. a further advance of five hundred, 500, Pagodas for which they hereby acknowledge themselves to be accountable

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
Danl. Morse.
Regr.

Fort St. George
Janry 3d. 1754.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your Commands We have examin[ed] the Tripoty accounts delivered us in presence of Sanavasachery the Renter and the money which appears directly to be paid to the Company by Remittances here or otherwise advanced abroad for their use in this Renters accounts, We find to correspond with what the Commissary has recd. & credited the Nabob but with regard to several other sums stated in his Accot. Currt. in part of payments to the [1]Sircar for the Tripoty money due from him as stipulated by agreement to be the annual collection, We observe the following credits that We beg leave to submit to your Consideration how far they are to be admitted.

By Cash allowed by Sumpetrow Devan in his Accot. for what suppos'd to be collected by Mahomud Comall as by Nazeabulla Cawn's Lre.	Pags. 8000	—	—
By Cash for allowance of Commission to the Savascars accot. Bills of Exchange drawn at times in favour of the Company	780	9	—
By Cash paid Abdul Bob Cawn at different times computed	5501	27	—
Pagods. ...	14282	—	—

The Ballance remaining still to be accounted for by the Renter for the Tripoty Collection both of last years Feast & the present exclusive of the above Credits from the accounts now before Us is Pagodas 43437. 4. 40 & Arcot Rups. 4025, the whole a very considerable sum to be demanded & since he is under Confinement for the same, We hope it will produce that good Effect of compelling him to a[d]just payment as it cannot but be remarked the Officers & Farmers in general employed by the Sircar, are ever dilatory and trifling when they are called upon for what they are indebted in procuring Money from them, tho' the case of the present Renter may merit some favor, from our enquiring

1. the Government; from Pers. *Sar-kar,* head of affairs, *Love's Vestiges,* page 289, Vol. II.

of him the reasons of his not discharging his Ballance, he alledg'd the particular Hardships he had sustained, and other extraordinary Charges brought on him in protecting his Country, since the late Revolution of affairs and unsettled state of the province to be of infinite detriment to him in many circumstances of gathering the Rents as formerly, which We shall decline to add any thing further on the subject, but leave the decision of the matter to your better judgements, by referring to the accompanying petition recommended from the Renter.

Those several other accounts We had the perusal of as sent in by our Officers on Command and respecting their province, nothing appears to Us remarkably to be objected to and they are included in the Commissary's General Account of Expences which undergo an examination by him before they are entered of comparing them with his own for what connection they may have together in avoiding Errors as much as possible.

We herewith deliver a paper sign'd by Ninaree, acknowledging the money he has ever paid to be brought to the Nabob's account with the Company, which was the amount only of arrears due to Anipasings Seapoys.

The Commissary now produces to the Board his General Account of Expences to Ult^o^. November. We are with the greatest Respect.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient and most Humble Servants

Fort St. George
31st. Decembr. 1753.

Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexander Wynch.

FORT St. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1754.

MADRASS PAGODAS.

Dr.							Cr.
1.	To Ballance brought from last months Accot. ...	692	— —	31.	By Ballance carried to next Mo. Accot. ...	763	— —
31.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint November Ballance	71	— —				
		763	— —			763	— —

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ THOMAS SAUNDERS.

FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1753.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.		Pags.		
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account	17342	33	66
	To Henry Powney Import Warehs.kr. recd. of him for Rups. sold	540	19	37
4.	To Henry Powney Do. Do. do. Do. ...	10000	—	—
	To Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall Duty received of him for six Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. June last ...	200	—	—
10.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Kellavah Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd. of them two months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. November last ...	1333	12	—
	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Kellavah Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License received of them two months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. November last	666	24	—
	To Linga Chitty Renter of Tivitore &ca. Villages recd. one years Rent due the 1st. September last	1300	—	—
	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running account	2500	—	—
	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court for so much recd. of the Register pursuant to an Order of the said Court dated the 4th. Instant and Order of Consultation this day to remain under that Head for the benefit of the Creditors of Coja Miguel Paulo decd. untill the persons entitled thereto make good their Claims	2438	13	55
	Carried over ...	36321	30	78

℔ CONTRA.

		Cr.		
1.	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ.	3500	—	—
	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military ...	5540	19	[37]
5.	By Fort St. David remitted to the Deputy Govr. and Council in a Bill of Exchange drawn by Cashe Buchenjeedoss on his House at eight days sight ...	10000	—	—
20.	By Tonnapah, Condapah &ca. painters advanced them on account of paintings to be performed	6000	—	—
20.	By Linga Chitty paid him for 13 and ¾ Candy of Copper coin'd into Doodoes and Cash as ℔ Order of Consultation the 10th. Instant and Account Coinage entered thereafter	1335	—	—
24.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. paid him in part of the 20000 Pagodas advanced by him the 26 Ulto.	10000	—	—
31.	By Fort St. David paid the amount of a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Govr. and Council there in favour of Mr. John Smith dated the 18th. Instant for so much paid into the Honble Company's Cash there by Thomas Cooke Esqr.	1000	—	—
	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint November Ballance	71	—	—
	Carried over ..	37446	19	37

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		Pagodas		
	Brought Forward ...	36321	30	78
20.	To Nabob Annaverdee Cawn Behauder recd. of the Commissary the produce of 10588 Madrass Pagodas remitted by Abdul Vahab Cawn in part of the Tripoty Rents assign'd by the Nabob towards discharging his Debt to the Company and recoined as ꝑ Order of Consultation the 30th. October ...	11435	1	35
	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court for so much received of the Register pursuant to an Order of the said Court and Order of Consultation this day, being the Ballance of what was saved out of the Corporation Cash Chest by Mr. Henry Powney when this place was taken and is to be placed to the account of the Accountant General and to the Credit of the Mayors Court	295	9	48
	To Claud Russell Accountant Genl. of the Mayors Court for so much recd. of the Regr. pursuant to an order of the said Court & order of Consultation this day, being what was saved out of the Corporation Cash Chest by Mr. Sloper, when this place was taken and is to be plac'd to the account of the Accountant General and to the Credit of the Mayors Court	311	—	—
20th.	To Linga Chittee received of him the produce of 13 and ¾ Candy of Copper coined into *Doodos and Cash as ꝑ Order of Consultation 10th. Instant and account coinage entered thereafter fanams 38172 @ 36 ꝑ Pagoda ...	1060	12	—
	Carried over ...	49423	18	1

Brought Forward ...	377446	19	37
ꝑ Contra.			
By Alexander Wynch Commissary advan'd him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad	9054	1	[...]
By Charles Bourchier Military Storekr. advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ	300	—	—
Carried over ...	46800	[21]	[37]

* a copper Coin of 10 Cash, *Love's Vestiges*, Vol I, page 510.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH.

DR.

Date	Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	Brought Forward ...	49423	18	1
24th.	To Gruapah Farmer of Perrembore &ca. Villages recd. of him for one years Rent of that Cowle due the first September last	700	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd. of him on his running accot. ...	5000	—	—
—	To John Smith Land Customer received of him the Ballance of that account for last Month	164	26	11
—	To account presents for 21 Gold Mohurs @ Pags. 3. 32. 50 each sent to Ballazerow for which that head is debited the 26th. February last and the amount thereof being now repaid into cash by the Commissary is carried to the Debit of Nabob Annaverde Cawn	82	1	10
[31]	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master received of him the Ballance of Pagodas in that account for last Month Vizt. In Current or Star Pagodas ... ... 36 13 55; Madrass Pagodas 71 — —	107	13	55
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customr. recd. of him on his running accot.	5000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd. of him on Do.	4000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd. of him for Rupees sold	4594	21	33
	Carried over ...	69072	8	30

Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
Brought Forward ...	46800	[21]	[37]
Carried over ...	46800	[21]	[37]

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Brought Forward	69072	8	30

[31] To Bills of Exchange recd. for the following setts of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days sight at ⅞ ℔ Pagoda payable as follow.

		£.	s.	d.	Pags.	Fa.	Ca.
1	To Mrs. Eleanor Powney or order Value of Mr. Henry Powney ...	126	8	6	329	29	8
1	To Charles and Elizabeth Lucas or order value of Mr. Henry Powney	54	16	4	143	—	—
2	Setts amounting to ...	£. 181	4	10	or		

Setts amounting to ... £. 181 4 10 or	472	29	8
Current or Star Pags.	69545	1	38

Brought Forward ...	46800	21	[37]
	46800	21	[37]
By Ballance carried to next Months Account	22744	16	[1]
Current or Star Pags.	69545	1	[38]

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

ARCOT RUPEES.

Dr.					Cr.			
[DECEMBR.]					DECEMR.			
1st. To Ballance brought from last months account	1172169	13	7	2d.	By Impo. Wareho.keeper delivered him for sale	2000	—	—
				5.	By Do.	38200	—	—
				29.	By Fort St. David sent ℔ Mussoolas ...	100000	—	—
				31.	By Import Warehousekeeper delivered him for sale	17000	—	—
						157200	—	—
					By Ballance	1014969	13	7
	1172169	13	7			1172169	13	7

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

CURRENT PAGODAS.

Dr.			Cr.		
[Decem^r.]			Decem^r.		
20th.	To Import Warehousek^r received of him.	5000 — —	24	By the Honble Company's Cash paid in.	5000 — —
29.	To Ditto	4000 — —	31	By Ditto	4000 — —
		9000 — —			9000 — —

Errors Excepted

℘ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

MADRASS RUPEES.

Dr.			Cr.		
[Decem^r.]			Decem^r.		
1.	To Ballance brought forward ...	8320 — —	31	By Ballance	8320 — —

Errors Excepted

℘ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

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8th. Sailed sloop Salingore Edward Bibb with the Detachment ordered in Consultation yesterday to DeveCotah with a Letter from the Secrety to Mr. Chas. Hopkins Chief there directing him on the arrival of the sloop to land the Detachment, advise Major Lawrence thereof and wait his Order.

Recd. by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 4th. Inst.

9 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day agreeable to Resolution of Consultn. and in answer to that recd Yesterday acquainting them that if Mr. Perceval is desirous of continuing in the Military Service and will exert himself we have no objection to it and he may continue at St. David, that Sheva Gonga should have satisfaction and the best way to procure it for her is to stop what may be thought reasonable out of Gautakes Pension.

11 Reced by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 11th. Instant.

13 Sailed Charles Schooner Carey Balo * syrang for Ingeram with Genl. Letters for the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Bandarmalanka dated 12th. Instant agreeable to Resolution of last Consultation and Mr. Ge[orge] Dolben passenger.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday the 14th.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Governr. Presidentt.

Charles Boddam. Henry Powney.

Alexandr. Wynch. John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and signed.

Mr. Boddam reports the Hospital a complaint of the Meat. The Surgeons to be reprimanded.

Mr. Charles Boddam reports that he [has] visited the Hospital and that a Complaint was made to him by the patients of the badness of the Meat and a piece of it being produced to him it really appeared very indifferent Agreed that the surgeons be reprimanded and ordered to see that the provisions of every kind be good and proper for the patients and the better to detect any thing of this kind it is Agreed that instead of visiting the Hospital constantly on Mondays as heretofore, it be visited at uncertain days in the Week.

General Letters read from Fort St. David.

No. 3 and No. 4 General Letters from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David, read the first dated the 4th. Instant acknowledging the receit of Ours of the 24th. Ulto. to which they promise due regard and acquainting us that their Cash is very low but as soon as they receive a supply they will advance their old Merchants, that Mr. Baird being acquainted with what we wrote concerning him is desirous of coming to Madrass to take his passage to England, that Mr. John Perceval is desirous of continuing in the Military Service. That Mr. Greenslate promises amendment, that Capt. Donald Campbell has taken charge of that Garrison and Captain Gardner will proceed in a day or two to DeveCotah and that all the other Officers are already set out, enclosing a petition of Sheva Gonga setting forth that Gautakie (the person whom we set up in Mr. Floyers time for King of Tanjore) having been ever since in possession of her house, absolutely refuses to quit it or giving her any satisfaction & praying Redress, they also enclose their Consultations & Monthly papers. The other dated the 8th. Instant advisg. the receit of the twelve chests of Rupees sent them by Mussoolatis and that they have advanced, Cann Moodelaire,

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* the Chief of a Lascar crew, *Love's Vestiges* Vol I, page 547.

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Govindu Chitty, Teneveroypillah Irshippa Chitty and Pauperauze, that two draughts are made on them from Camp for 46000 Arcot Rupees and 5000 Pagodas which they have not Cash sufficient to discharge and desire a supply. That the Officers who lately came down in Boats proceeded in them to DeveCotah, requesting a supply of 50 Candys of Lead ℘ first Conveyance and advising that they have 471 Bales on hand.

A Lack of Rupees & Lead to be sent to St. David & the Genl. Lre wrote to.

Agreed that a Lack of Rupees and the Lead indented for from Fort St. David be sent by the first good Conveyance that can be procured and that a General Letter be wrote to the Deputy Govr. and Council acquainting them that we have observed some inconveniencys from advancing money in pagodas for the use of the several Employs great part of which is disbursed in fanams to prevent which in future we direct that every Employ be advanc'd constantly a sufficient Quantity of fanams to answer the usual disbursements. That We observe the money advanced to the Companys Washers is not brought under any particular head but carried immediately to charges Merchandize which is not regular & in future We direct that a particular Head be erected in the Books for the Washers, that they be debted for what advanc'd & credited Monthly for the Cloth they deliver in, that we would not have them send any more Bale Goods to the Wash than they are certain can be cured in time for the Europe Dispatch.

Expo. Wareho. kr. reports about Tarpawlings & Deficiencys ℘ Chesterfield & ca.

Pursuant to an Order of last Consultation, the Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an account of the Tarpawlings of which the Gentlemen at St. David desire some information in their Letter read at last Consultation Ordered that the said account be transmitted to them and that they be directed to recover the value from those for whose use they were furnished and that the rest being used in the Companys service be wrote off to Proffit and Loss.

The Export Warehousekr. also acquaints the Board that the deficiencys of salt petre and Gunneys ℘ ships Bombay Castle and Chesterfield from Fort St. David mention'd in their Letter of the 28th. Ulto. were by the neglect of the * Conicoplys on his first taking charge of the Export Warehouse last year omitted to be recovered of the Commanders of those ships Ordered that the said Conicoplys be obliged to make good the same and that Fort St. David be Credited for the amount.

To be paid by the Conicoplys.

Messrs. Smith & Bourchier report of arrears of Rent and measuring Duty.

Messrs. John Smith and Charles Bourchier appointed to enquire what arrears of Rent were outstanding at the time this settlement was lost, and also to enquire into the Dutys collected by the measuring Farmers and whether any Extortions have been used, now lay before the Board their Report which is read as entered hereafter setting forth Vizt.

In regard to the arrears of Rent, they had called all the Farmers before them, who in general made heavy complaints of the losses they had sustained by this settlemt. falling into the hands of the French, that for the information of the Board they had reduced into writing the several Declarations of their respective Farmers which is also now laid before the Board and read as entered hereafter.

And with respect to the measuring Farmers it appears to them that tho' the Cowle allows them to collect no more than nine fanams ℘ Garce for measuring the first time and two fanams for remeasuring of Grain, yet they had exacted from the Inhabitants over and above that duty forty Cash in every Pagodas worth of Grain, besides a handfull or two for giving good measure.

Order thereon.

Agreed that the Consideration of the arrears of Rent be deferred to another opportunity and in regard to the measuring Duty Ordered that a notice be affixed at the Sea Gate and published by Beat of Tom Tom that henceforward the sd. Farmers do not presume to demand or receive any other Duties than those

* (Literally—Accountant-Man), a native clerk or writer, *Hobson Jobson*, page 246.

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allowed them by Cowle Vizt. nine fanams for Measuring and two fanams ₱ * Garce for remeasuring under such penalty as the President and Council shall think proper to inflict.

ca. 1000 Redwood to be tprovided for the China ships.

Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper provide one thousand Candy of Redwood of the proper sort for the China Market against the arrival of the China ships from Europe.

Compys Rice to be sold.

The price of Rice being fallen and from the prospect of a plentifull Harvest, 'tis probable it may sink considerably more Ordered that the Company's Rice be sold at eighty five (85) Pagodas ₱ Garce for the best and eighty (80) Pagodas ₱ Garce for the rest, and that no person be permitted to sell any Rice untill the Company's be disposed of as it would be unreasonable they should suffer when the Intent of their laying in a store is only to supply the place in case of Dearth.

A Complaint of Mr. Ross against Mr. Fairfield Aldermen of the Mayors Court.

A Letter from Mr. Andrew Ross one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter purporting a Complaint and Remonstrance against Mr. Richard Fairfield likewise one of the Aldermen of the said Court for that he the said Richard Fairfield had falsely and publickly arraigned a Judgment pronounc'd by the said Andrew Ross as one of the Aldermen of the said Court in a Cause between Ephraim Isaac and Edward Edwards by saying that William Perceval Esqr. (the Mayor) having asked all the other Aldermen upon the Bench their Judgment in that Cause and having likewise asked the said Andrew Ross his Judgment last of all, as being the Senior Aldermen, he the said Ross instead of giving his own Judgment first asked what Judgment Mr. Andrew Munro (another Alderman) had given for that he the said Andrew Ross was of the same Opinion, or that the said Richard Fairfield had said that he the said Andrew Ross had use[d] some Expressions to that or the like Effect.

Mr. Fairfield examin'd.

This being a formal complaint against an Alderman of the Mayors Court for a Misdemeanor in the said Court and the President and Council being empower'd by the Charter to take Cognizance of such complaints and even upon just cause to remove any of the said Aldermen, Mr. Richard Fairfield was accordingly summon'd to appear before this Board, and attending the said Complaint was read to him and being thereupon asked whether he had at any time given out such a Report as he is charged with in the said complaint, he acknowledg'd he had and declared further that when judgment was given in the said Cause he sat on the Bench three persons distant from Mr. Ross and that he really thinks that he did hear Mr. Ross ask Mr. Perceval (the Mayor) how Mr. Munro had voted, that he did not hear what answer Mr. Perceval returned to Mr. Ross but that Mr. Ross reply'd—" I am of the same opinion ", that as a proof that he at that time really apprehended Mr. Ross had asked such a Question, he immediately turn'd to Mr. Browning (another of the Aldermen) who sat next to him on the Bench and said to him—" dont you think Mr. Ross's Question a very odd one " ? and that Mr. Browning reply'd he did not hear the Question.

Mr. Fairfield having admitted the charge to be true, but insisting that he apprehends Mr. Ross did make use of such Expressions the point rests on this, whether Mr. Ross did or did not use any such Expression or Expressions to that or the like Effect and as the only way to arrive at any degree of certainty is by the Testimoney of those who were then present & to whom Mr. Ross appeals.

Witnesses to be summon'd

Ordered that the Secretary summons Messrs. Andrew Munro (Mayor) William Perceval, John Browning, John Smith Aldermen and Mr. Daniel Morse Register and also the Complainant and Defendant to attend the Board on Monday next the 21st. Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

* A cubic measure for rice, etc., *Hobson Jobson*, page 364.

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Letter from Mess[rs]. William Perceval, Edward Edwards, Richard Fairfield and John Browning Aldermen of the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter setting forth that a false and scandalous Report had been spread by M[r]. Ephraim Isaac an Inhabitant of this place reflecting upon several of the Aldermen of the said Court, which they judge to be a Reflection on the Court, that M[r]. Isaac had charged M[r]. Franco with being the author of the said Report but M[r]. Franco denies it, and as they apprehend Reports of this kind are set on foot to create parties and Jealousys in the Court, or to make the World believe there are parties in it which tends to cast contempt and censure on the Decrees of the said Court, they therefore pray Redress. The Board having maturely weighed the contents of the said Letter are of opinion that as the Charter invests the President and Council with a power of receiving complaints, only against the Aldermen of the Mayors Court, but is silent as to Complaints that may be brought by the Court or by any of the Aldermen against any other person, they are not authorized by the Charter as President and Council to take Cognizance of this matter and determine Judicially, however as they think themselves obliged for the publick service to support the authority of the Mayors Court and to discourage as much as possible all scandalous and Malicious Reports tending to bring it into disrepute and contempt, they conceive it is within the Bounds of prudence and good Policy to endeavour to detect the author of this and all other scandal that a publick mark of Infamy may be set on the promoters of discord.

Messr. Perceval &ca. Aldermen against Mr. Ephm. Isaac complaint of scandal.

M[r]. Isaac being thereupon sent for, and attending the abovemention'd Letter was read to him, upon which he delivered to the President a Letter (as entered hereafter) setting forth that the subjects of Great Britain are not compellable to answer to any matter, that may be to their prejudice, that he is unwilling to do any thing that may lessen the security of the subject, and that he hopes he shall not be compelled to answer any questions but in a judiciary way and have a proper time allowed to answer a charge in Writing.

Mr. Isaac exad.

This Letter being evidently calculated to evade the point, the President acquainted him that the Board requir'd nothing more of him than to declare who was the author of the said Report, to which he answered that he had forgot and intimated that he did not think himself oblig'd to attend the Board when sent for, He was then Ordered to withdraw.

The Board being sensible that as President and Council they have no power to compel M[r]. Isaac to answer on oath or declare his author are however of opinion that it is the primary view of all Government to maintain Peace and Harmoney amongst the Govern'd by the gentlest Methods and are therefore unwilling that the poison of Discord should be fomented and spread still further by publick Prosecutions at the Quarter Sessions, the only place in this settlement (as they apprehend) where Libels and defamatory Words are cognizable and to prevent this they do not conceive they should exceed the Bounds of their authority as President and Council if a copy of the Complaint were sent M[r]. Isaac with a Letter from the Secrety requiring him to give his answer to the Board in writing and therein to declare his author, in default of which he should be considered as such and feel the Weight of an authority he seem'd to doubt, a draught of a Letter being accordingly drawn and approved is entered hereafter.

A Letter to be wrote Mr. Isaac.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek[r]. paid in the 10th. Instant fifteen thousand, 15000, Pagodas for Rup[s]. sold to compleat the advances and payments Agreed in last Consultation.

Money pd. in for Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek[r]. pays in one thousand six hundred and twenty one Pagodas, twenty two fanams and thirty Cash (1621. 22. 30) for Rupees sold.

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Sea Customer pays in Acct. his Ballce.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays into Cash one thousand, 1000 Pagodas in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month.

Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED that seven thousand six hundred and twenty one Pagodas, twenty two fanams and thirty Cash, 7621. 22. 30 be advanc'd the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to the Resolution of Consultation the 20th. Ultimo We have made enquiry concerning the arrears due to the Company from the several Farmers before the loss of Madrass and find them to correspond with the account except in two or three particulars which will appear by the Declarations of the said Farmers, We now take the Liberty of laying before you. They all make heavy Complaints as your Honour &cA. may observe, of the Losses they sustained not only by the French possessing themselves of part of the produce of the several Farms but outstanding Debts from many of the Inhabitants who being dispers'd about the Country some were rendered incapable of paying them and several are since Dead, and those that are capable of discharging their Ballances, have hitherto declined it, as it has not been in the Farmers power to compel them to a Complyance, Tho' they are inclined to believe with your Honour &ca. assistance therein they should find it no difficult matter.

We have used our utmost Endeavours to come at a certain knowledge of their losses by the said Farms, but without Effect, Wherefore We beg leave to submit it to your Honr. &cA. to fall upon some means of obliging them to acertain the same, without which We humbly offer it as our opinion it will be very difficult to determine what Consideration they are entitled to.

We have also agreeable to your Honr. &ca. directions at last Consultation strictly examined into the Dutys collected by the Measuring Farmers. They are as follow. On all Grain imported at the first time of measuring they receive for every Garce nine fanams and as often as it's re-measur'd two fanams ℔ Garce which is agreeable to the terms of their Cowle, as We conceive, tho' in regard to the last article We are in some doubt if it is meant that the Inhabitants are oblig'd to have it measured by the Farmers a second time & may not be at liberty to do it themselves and save the Expence Exclusive of the above when the Grain is retailed out to the poor People there is an Exaction made by the Measuring cooley of half a fanam or near it besides a handfull or two of Grain out of the value of every Pagoda they measure which is become so much a Custom that it is generally submitted to and indeed they are in some measure obliged to it, for they are certain if they do not to be defrauded of some measures and often near a *Mercal of their proper Quantity, by the loose manner in which it is measured wherefore they chuse rather to yield to this imposition as being the least loss to them.

Of the money so collected the Measuring Farmers receive half and the other is allowed the Measuring Cooleys in lieu of all Wages and allowances, as one of the said Cooleys (who was yesterday detected in taking of a person three

* a grain measure, *Hobson Jobson*, page 567.

dodoes for a pagodas worth of Rice he measur'd at the Company's Godown) Confess'd when brought before us, altho' it is mention'd in the Cowle Vizt. "That they are to take care that there be no occasion of Complaint from the Markets, Merchants or others for want of a sufficient Number of people to do the Business", which we think implies that the Farmers and not the publick are to satisfie the Measuring people. We are very Respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

Your most Obedient Servants,

FORT ST. GEORGE
14TH. JANRY. 1754.

JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THE DECLARATIONS of the RENTERS of the HONBLE COMPANY'S FARMS before the Capture of MADRASS in regard to the Arrears due by them on account the said Farms Vizt.

LINGA CHITTY, Who was join'd with BUNDLA MOOTAL since dead in the BEETLE and TOBACCO FARM, says they made no payment into Cash after the 5th. August as appears by the Companys Cash Book, That the 18th. of that month the French Fleet coming before the place, most of the Inhabitants immediately deserted it, and the Mettows were shut up, by reason of which they were incapable of collecting any thing afterwards and therefore think themselves not responsible for the Rent for the last one month and five days. That moreover they lost in the Town as much Tobacco as was worth Pagodas 2200, besides a quantity of Ganjee they had provided for the use of the Inhabitants, the value of which with the advances they had made to the Beetle planters and other Labourers was about 500 Pagodas more, so that having suffered in the whole to the amot. of 2700 Pagodas in the said Farm. He hopes Consideration will be had thereto and that they shall not be deem'd further indebted to the Company.

LINGA CHITTEE & BERRY TIMAPAH Farmers of the TRIVITORE &CA. VILLAGES acknowledge they made no payment into the Companys Cash on account this Farm after what was due the 16th. October 1745 as the Cash Book specifies and When the Town was taken were indebted month. days.
10 & 25 Rent; They declare that on the arrival of the French Forces the[re] remain'd in the several villages within the Limits of that Cowle about 24 Garce of paddy valued at about 900 Pagodas which all fell into the Enemys hands, That being also in advance to the Plowmen [*sic*] and other Labourers to the amount of about 770 Pagodas more, they were sufferers by the said Farm as near as they can judge to the value of 1670 Pagodas, which being a larger Sum than was due from them to the Company, they hope it will be deemed sufficient to excuse them from the payment of the same.

MANNAWAUCUM CHINTOMBY & PIGUE NELLA CHITTY (Farmers of EGMORE &C. VILLAGES) Confess they paid no further sum in the Companys Cash than is mention'd in the Cash Book and that although it is very certain they stood indebted, the Rent for one Year, two Months and ten days and their annual payment was due in July, it was unusual to discharge the same till October or November, when, they had generally disposed of the produce of the said Lands. That the French coming before the place in September there was unsold in the Godowns in Town, as well as the villages, of the produce of that Farm. 36 Garce of Paddy, and being valued at 38 Pags. ₱ Garce amounted to Pagodas 1368 also 180 Garce of salt dispers'd about the several villages the

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amount whereof at 3½ Pagodas ⅌ Garce is Pags. 630 and the Enemy possess'd themselves of the same to their entire Loss, They were likewise in advance to the Husbandmen &ct. about Pagodas 900 of which they have not recovered any part, so that in the whole they suffered by this Cowle to the value of Pags. 2898 and Hope they shall therefore be excused from further demands.

PERMAL KELLAVA CHITTY and PITLOOR VENCATY KISTNA, TOWN BROKERS acknowledge the account to be just in regard to their last payment into the Companys Cash and that they remained indebted to the Company, One half Yearly payment and five days Rent when the Town was taken, They alledge that it being usual for them to collect the Brokerage only every six Months, what was become due for the last half year, remained unpaid when they left the place, as the greatest part of the Inhabitants went away with the French ships appeared the 18 August, and no Trade was carried on after that time: That several of the persons who were indebted to them being dead and others gone to different places, there is no likelihood of recovering their Debts and those that are returned and are now here they have often demanded payment of to no Effect, as they alledge they lost in the Town everything they were possess'd of and those Goods on which the Brokerage was owing, whereby they were not in a capacity to discharge it. That they are ready to produce their accounts by which will appear what Ballances they have yet outstanding, and they hope therefore they shall not be made answerable for the said Rent which appears to be due from them on Account this Farm.

THE Same persons Farmers of the MEASURING DUTY Declare that in August 1746 they made one payment of four Months Rent due the 20th. July over and above what is mentioned in the Cash Book, and Gundapah Chitty their Cash keeper declares he paid the same to Mr. Jones in presence of one of the Companys shroffs; That they have no Receipt for it nor indeed any other payments they made before into Cash on Account this Farm although they are acknowledg'd in the Cash accot. That the Rent that was further due from them for the last Month and twenty days, They hope they shall not be made accountable for, as it was uncollected, of the persons from whom the same was due when the place was taken, and since they have not been able to recover of them any thing.

GONGADARAH EYAH, SOMBYAH, and QUOTAMBAUCUM GRUAPAH former Farmers of the TOWN BROKERAGE & MEASURING DUTY, Declare they are indebted to the Company only six Months Rent on account the first instead of twelve as appears by the Companys Cash Book and on account the latter only four Months Rent instead of six having paid Mr. Jones the 18 July 1746 the sum of five hundred and sixteen Pagodas, twenty four fanams in the presence of Paupah Braminey, and the Company's shroff Tondua Chittee of which Pagodas 350 was for six Months Rent of the first Farm and the remaining Pagodas 166. 24 fas. for two Months Rent of the last. They acknowledge that the further six Months Rent for the first and four Months Rent for the latter is very justly due from them, but tho' their Cowle expired the 5th. September the preceeding year, they had Ballances outstanding when the Town was taken due from both the white and Black Inhabitants on account the said Farms to the full amount of what they are indebted to the Company, which they made repeated applications for payment of, but were continually put off and the same is still owing them which they hope will excuse them the payment of the Companys

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demand Being directed to produce Receipts for the sums they alledge were paid Mr. Jones on account the said Farms over and above what is mention'd in the Cash Book they declare they have not any and as none were delivered them for several other payments they made which are acknowledged by the Company's Cash Book, they hope this will be deem'd no proof that the money was not paid.

Paupah Braminey who they mention to have been present at the payment of the said money being called upon to declare what he knew of the Matter, says, that some Disputes having arose among the Farmers concerning their proportions of the Rent they were indebted, Trivitee Sachachilum being security for Sombyah who was in his service and had a Quarter share in the Farm to clear what was due from him, came one day to the Garden house about the time the Farmers mention and produc'd a Bag in his presence which he said contain'd three hundred Pagodas and he (Paupah) accordingly mark'd Pags. 300 in figures upon the outside of it but did not examine the contents, nor can he recollect to whom the same was paid as it is so many years since.

Tondua Chittee (the Companys Shroff) who it's said was present likewise at the payment of this money, acknowledges that all the Money paid into the Companys Cash was usually shroff'd by him but as he had no further to do with it, he kept no account from whom it was received, nor can he charge his Memory in regard to receiving this particular sum or indeed any other.

Hajees Cawn, Brother to Ahmud Cawn Taran and Hajee Jee Cawn Taran who farmed the Arrack & Wine Licence Being called upon to answer for the Rent due from his said Brothers, sets forth that one of them (Ahmud Cawn) being dead and Hajeejee Cawn gone to Velore and himself very young when the place was taken, He is entirely unacquainted with any circumstances relating thereto, but as he expects his Brothers return very shortly from Velore, where he is gone only to recover some Money, He desires any further Enquiry may be deferr'd till then as he is himself incapable of giving any Information about it.

Nairoo Royaloo, One of the Ruby Brokers, acknowledges there is something due (from him and Nairoo Vencatachilu the other Farmer who is now at Pulliacat) to the Company for the Rent of the said Farm but is uncertain whether the exact sum mention'd in the account Extracted from the Cash Book as he cannot justly tell when their last payment was made, the accounts of the Farm being in the Hands of their Conicoply, who is now at Tritchinopoly and has not been with them since the loss of the place, however he will immediately send to him for a particular account. That in regard to the sum that may be due from them, He declares they are in no Capacity of paying it, as several Armenians, Guzzerats and others are still considerably indebted to them on account of the Farm, but if the President and Council will assist in obliging such persons to discharge those demands, they will very readily clear off what is owing by them to the Company and will deliver in an account of their said Debts with the amount of their Debts.

Ravenapah Farmer of the Companys Old Garden being dead Permal his security appears for him and says he is unacquainted what Ballance is due to the Company on accot. the Farm being ignorant when the last payment was made as the Conicoply who kept the accounts of the Garden is also dead, but he will use his Endeavours to come at a certain Knowledge of it. That a Ballance being due from the Toddy

people who rented the Trees of the Garden of the Farmer, as well as from the Conicoply's Estate who had collected a part of the Rents, if he has the assistance of a Companys peon he will do all that lays in his power to recover the same in order to discharge the Company's demand on the deceas'd.

Berry Timapah who was joined with Grunapah Moodelaire (since dead) in Renting the Paddy Fields & Salt Pans—says he can't tell for certain when their last payment was made, but to the best of his Remembrance he imagines, what is mentioned to be due from them in the account taken from the Cash Book is pretty right, which however will more particularly appear by the accounts of the Farm now in possession of Grunapah Moodelaires son; That altho', the demand on them on account the said Rent is very just, He flatters himself the losses sustained by the Enemy possessing themselves of between 250 and 300 Garce of salt when they took the place, which at a Medium price may be valued at Pags. 3½ ℔ Garce and outstanding Ballances from the Villagers (who rented of them the paddy Grounds and usually paid their Rents but at the years End, whereby they had gather'd nothing from them on this account when the place was taken nor have they since will so farr [*sic*] have weight with the Board as to induce them not to insist upon their dischargg. the Company's demand on them.

Diddee Gruapah, Farmer of the Butteca Rent and Shroff Duty, Declares himself Ignorant, what he is indebted to the Company, The Conicoply who kept his account of this Farm being dead and the accounts lost, though to the best of his Judgment he paid all above one payment of three months Rent to Mr. Jones, That the amount of that one payment being due to him from the Inhabitants when the place was taken, who all immediately fled into the Country he was unable to recover any part and the same remains still owing to him, wherefore he hopes he shall not be made accountable for it.

Ravinutela Soubiah & Poncanatta Vencatadry Farmers of the Bansall Duties, acknowledge they made no payment on account that Farm from the Commencement of the Cowle which was the 1st. Jan̄ry 1745–6 and that they are indebted the Rent from that day to the time the place was taken. They say that part of the produce of the said Farm in that space was still owing them by the Inhabitants & don't deny they rec̃d some money for the Rents before the loss of the place but declare they were also at an Expence on account the said Farm, all which circumstances will more particularly appear by their accounts, which they are adjusting, and hope they shall not be made answerable for what they have not yet been able to recover.

To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. & Govr. and the other Gentlemen of the Council of Fort St. George.

The Humble Complaint and Remonstrance of Andrew Ross one of the Aldermen of Madrasspatnam against Mr. Richard Fairfield, likewise one of the Aldermen of Madrasspatnam.

The Authority which his Majestys Royal Charter has vested in this Honourable Board for receiving complaints against; and upon reasonable Cause removing any of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court from his Office gives me an

incontestible Right to complain of a false and scandelous Reproach uttered by Mr. Richard Fairfield, and highly reflecting upon a Judgement pronounced by me in a Cause lately determin'd in the Mayors Court.

Highly sensible how tender I ought to be in bringing such a Charge against a person cloathed with the authority of a Judge in a Court of Justice, and likewise sensible of my own Inability to set it forth in that regular form & with that propriety of Language and Phrase which ought to be used in every application made to a Board vested with such high authority as are your Honour &ca. I humbly hope I shall not be prejudiced by any want of form, or by any Impropriety of Words or of phrase.

This being promised my humble Complaint is that Mr. Richard Fairfield being an Alderman of Madrasspatnam has falsely and publickly arraign'd a Judgement which was pronounc'd by me as one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court (upon a Cause 'twixt Mr. Ephraim Isaac and Mr. Edward Edwards about a Horse determined in that Court the 4th. December last) by his saying that William Perceval Esqr. (the Mayor) having asked all the other Aldermen upon the Bench their Judgement in that cause, and having likewise ask'd my Judgement the last as Senior Alderman, that instead of my delivering immediately my own Judgement, I first asked the Mayor, what Judgement Mr. Munro (another Alderman) had given for that I was of the same opinion with him, or that he, Mr. Fairfield, has said that I made use of some Expressions to the like purpose at the time when Judgement was given in this Cause and whilst I was sitting upon the Bench in the Execution of my Office. Now I do hereby solemly declare and affirm that I never said so to Mr. Perceval, nor to that Effect nor used any such Expressions.

I will first beg leave to offer some proof that Mr. Fairfield has really raised such a scandalous Reflection as is above mentioned, and as I do deny that I did say any such Words, I will support my denyal by such proofs as I am persuaded will appear to the entire satisfaction of this Honble Board in doing which I will not only refer to Evidencys (if they are desired) but likewise to palpable Reasons that there is an improbality [*sic*] in the Reflection itself, almost equal to a proof, that it has no foundation to support it.

I will then beg leave to offer some considerations in my own Vindication for making this complaint, and in doing this will demonstrate, that the Offence in such a Reflection is heignous [*sic*] to a very great degree and much exceeding the most bitter invectives of private Obloquy and scandal.

But least it should seem a matter of surprize to this Honble Board, that I have not made a more early complaint of this matter, I will just mention that tho' I have now undoubted proofs that this piece of scandal was the Town Talk for about a month past, I did not actually get the least hint of it before Tuesday last the 8th. of this Instant, January, I have however great reason to believe that the concealing of it so long from me proceeded entirely from the persuasion of my Friends, that it was without any Foundation and from their apprehension least the knowledge of it would create a particular uneasiness to me. The Moment it was discovered to me, that such an aspersion was thrown upon my Character, I thought it my indispensible Duty to enquire into the truth of the Report and as I did immediately suggest to myself, that since Hearsay does not effect any one, either in Law or Reason, nor deserves any other notice than contradiction, where the truth will bear it I ought to have some more certain proof.

I therefore went immediately to Mr. Fairfield himself and finding him in Conversation with Mr. Alderman Browning and Mr. Daniel Morse the Register of the Court in the Consultation Room of the Fort, I asked him before these two Gentlemen whither he had actually spoke words to the above purport or not.

He did at first endeavour to evade the Question by saying only that it was talked of publickly at a Councilors Table, where he was one of the Company at Dinner; and in this first part of the discourse Mr. Browning went aside; but detaining Mr. Morse, I asked Mr. Fairfield in a more peremtory [*sic*] manner (since he declined telling me whither he had heard any body else mention such a Reflection) whether he himself had spoke it, and whether he did actually hear me express myself in such a manner upon the Bench. Upon this he owned, that he believed he had spoke of it, and that he believed he heard me, say such Words upon the Bench. This I say was the purport of what passed, but I can be a little more particular, if it is desired and I believe Mr. Morse will confirm what I say, in case Mr. Fairfield should deny it. Now as Mr. Fairfield has not said, that he has heard any other person besides himself, propagate the scandal, nor has indeed deny'd that he is himself the author of it, I humbly think, it is very evident, that he himself is actually the Author and propagator.

If it then stands upon that footing that he has said, that I did at the time mention'd or at any other time express myself in such a manner as he has alledg'd it rests upon him to prove that I did, But I have said that I shall shew how far it is improbable that he can prove this, as well as, the great improbability there is that I ever did at all express myself to any such purport.

Mr. Fairfield says that the Expressions laid to my charge were address'd to the Mayor. It does therefore follow that the Mayor himself must know (at least as well as Mr. Fairfield) whether I did say so to him or not. But before I mention what the Mayor says to this matter, it seems not amiss that I do that Justice to the Mayor as to say that he behaved in the most upright and candid manner imaginable in collecting the opinions and Judgement of the five Aldermen present as well as in giving his own. Now as to his knowledge of the matter in hand, it is sufficient to say in a few words, that I have asked him whether I did address myself in such a manner to him and He has told me that I never did, for further Proof, I say, that (if I am not mistaken) not only the Mayor but Mr. Munro did likewise sit upon the Bench betwixt Mr. Fairfield and I, and therefore it seems reasonable to suppose, that if Mr. Fairfield heard any such words Mr. Munro must have heard them likewise, Now Mr. Munro says that he actually did not.

Again, Mr. Smith did sit next to me upon the right Hand, and surely if Mr. Fairfield who sit the third from me and upon the other side of the Bench too heard any such Words, Mr. Smith must have heard them, now Mr. Smith does likewise say that he did not hear any thing to such a purport.

Mr. Browning did indeed sit further from me than Mr. Fairfield did, so that it is possible the latter might have heard Words from the other side of the Chair, and the former not, but as Mr. Browning does always give abundance of attention, it is very probable, that he likewise must have heard such Expressions, if Mr. Fairfield did, as they did sit close together, and I am told that Mr. Browning does say, that he did not hear them.

But further I remember the Register stood up, at the time when the Mayor was asking the Judgement of the Court, and if Mr. Fairfield who was at such a distance from me, had heard any such words: the Register (standing close before the Mayor) is tall enough (notwithstanding the highth [*sic*] of the Bench) to have heard any such speech from me to the Mayor, Now the Register does likewise say that he heard no such Words.

Here are all the Members of the Court with their Register concurring (except Mr. Edwards, who was not then upon the Bench) agreeing *Nem: Con*: that I said no such words and yet Mr. Fairfield says that he heard them. This is strange! If Mr. Fairfield will then be so rash as to contradict these five Gentlemen and after his own Veracity only, in support of such a Reproach

upon me, whilst I was passing a Judgement in a Court of Justice, this Honble Board will judge what degree of Credit is to be given to him and what he merits for such a Degree of Boldness and will likewise judge when he merits for being the author of such a Reproach.

But as the Reproach itself is not only a heinous Reflection upon the publick Judgement of a Magistrate but likewise carrys in it an infamous and bitter aspersion undoubtedly intendly intended, if not to wound, at least to leave a scar, in my private Character, as if it wou'd insinuate that I either want Capacity or want Honesty enough to be able to give a Judgement of my own, by choosing to take my opinion from another, rather than to give what may really be my own : Altho' I do not mean to take any degree of merit to myself by asserting that this is not the case, because it is but barely my Duty to judge for self and to deliver my Judgement freely; if there be any that are misled by false Reports or are otherwise deceived into any misapprehension concerning me, I should account it too great a pride if I did not endeavour to undeceive them to this Honble Board and to all good Men, I do solemnly declare, that in the Cause 'twixt Messrs. Isaac and Edwards about a Horse, I gave my Judgement freely when asked and that in what I did, I followed my conscience according to the best of my understanding, as I did in all that I heard of that affair without favour or affection and without any Expectation of advantage, and besides since my publick Judgement [is] thus arraigned I do now solemnly declare, that I would no more equivocate or contradict my consience [*sic*] in the seat of Justice, that I would to God at his Holy Altar. I have not as yet been long in this Country and my private low sphere of Life gives me but few opportunitys of being known to my superiors, These Declarations I therefore address to such as do not know me, for if any one that do know me needed this I must take leave to think that they use me ill. He that knows me, and doubts is so long in suspence, whether I am not a very vile person, One that would wickedly and wantonly discard all concern for the Duty which I owe to society and to my own Conscience a Duty which I think no temptation is big enough to make me be indifferent about it, by being guilty of a sin of that Magnitude. But as bare Declarations may not perhaps carry that force from me (who have not the good fortune to be as yet much known) in matters which depend upon my own probity alone, it may be necessary to say something more as to the Improbability at least, if not the Impossibility of my having made use of any such expressions. Let it then be considered, that Mr. Fairfield says, that the words were address'd by me to the Mayor; if it was so, did this Gentleman consider what a heavy Reflection he insinuates upon the Conduct of the Mayor, immediately imploy'd in the Execution of his Office, since it has never been hinted, that the Mayor gave me a publick Reproof for departing from my Duty in so gross a manner, a piece of Justice and Humanity which I believe he would have shewn to me in Case there had been occasion for it, Or if Mr. Perceval (the Mayor) had thought this too tender a point to speak of publickly, can it be imagined that he would have omitted the doing me the most essential act of Friendship that can be, that of a private Reproof upon so material an Occasion nor could he have thought his doing so the least Breach of Decorum or good manners, nay it would have been, proper for him to have done it, as the Chief Magistrate in the Court, and still more upon account of that Friendship and regard which he has always had the Goodness to shew me. Some Friend in England was so good as to recommend me to Mr. Perceval, so that his acts of Benevolence towards me commenc'd immediately upon my arrival, and I am very well pleas'd that I have this opportunity of declaring that I have a very sincere and gratefull sense of his Hospitality and Friendship towards me. Can it then be supposed that Mr. Perceval would have been entirely silent (as he really has been till I spoke to him last week) upon a matter which required his private advice. If not his censure, or if he had so little regard for me as not to take the trouble of speaking

to me, is it to be imagin'd that he should have none for his own character & is it not obvious that if such an open piece of Weakness or Wickedness on my side, had been known to him, his regard for his own Character must have induced him to take notice of it, either in a publick or private manner, before I took my seat with him upon the Bench again; and have We not continued to sit upon the Bench as before? Further, if Mr. Fairfield had heard these words, as I have said, Mr. Munro must have heard them, if he had would his Friendship for me, overlook the necessity of his giving at least some advice upon the occasion or can it be said that he is of a temper to suffer such a Gross affront to common Honesty to pass un-noticed. I am pretty certain that he could not have contained himself if he had ever heard me say such words or if he had the least reason to suspect that I did say them, but suppose he had heard such Words from me, or if he did not, that he believed the Report from others and yet contained himself, is he capable of so much Dissimulation as to carry himself with the same open [and] frank temper as before without saying a word upon the subject, (which he never did, I find, till I first mention'd the matter to him) I have a just value for Mr. Munro's Friendship towards me, but still more, for his being a Man of real Honesty in private Life, and of strict Honour as a Magistrate, and I declare in the most solemn manner that he has never, either by words, Insinuations or by any other means given me even the most distant suspicion [that] it would be agreeable to him, if I gave my Judgement in the Mayors Court upon any occasion, either one way or another, but that upon any of these subjects, which he and I have talk'd about, he has always left me to be determin'd by my own conscience and understanding alone, and our opinion to each other have passed and ended with the same freedom and disinterestedness, as has happened when I have talked to Mr. Perceval or Mr. Smith upon the same or other subjects. The Obligation of my Oath to deliver myself freely and impartially and no other consideration has hitherto prevailed with me to discharge my conscience according to the best of my understanding, I trust in Almighty God, that I never will impose upon myself so far as to forget that he is both an Omniscient as well as an Omnipresent God and that I should always have him before my Eyes.

It may now seem superflous [*sic*] to shew any further from the reason of the thing itself, how improbable it is, that I could have said such Words, but I will just mention, that if Mr. Smith or Mr. Morse, had heard them come from me or imagined that I said them; I believe neither of them would have remained silent so long, My chum Mr. Morse has certainly too much spirit to have continued so constant so unreserved and intimate a conversation ever since and not once discovered the affair to me either by Inuendoes or otherwise. Mr. Fairfield has not deny'd but he himself has said this publickly of me at a Councillors Table, I am very sensible that no Gentleman can hinder his Guests from broaching scandal at his Table now and then, nor can he prevent its being carried from thence all round the Town, but I think there appears a very strong presumption here that the Gentlemen at whose Table the story was told had too generous and good a heart for receiving an Impression so vile & so bigg with absurdity for had he believed it, his high station gave him a sufficient right to talk to me about it, and had he found any Grounds to have complained of it publickly for the support of that publick Justice whereof he is appointed one of the Guardians; for altho' I humbly conceive that there is no authority for making a complaint against a Judge upon account of a Judgement given in open Court, if he will so far forget the Duty of his Office, as to declare openly that he does not give his own opinion but that of another; surely it seems as if he furnish'd a just Ground of complaint, suppose besides, that the Gentlemen of the Court had not taken notice of this, it can hardly be supposed that it would have passed unobserved by the Spectators and I flatter myself, that those

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to whom I am known do not think, that I have so very small a share of Judgement as to expose my Reputation out of a complaisance to the opinion of any person whatsoever, nay more, that I should in the face of the whole World, prostitute that public character with which I was expressly Honoured by his Majestys Royal Charter.

I own very freely that I was sorry to find myself appointed by the Charter, an Alderman of the Mayors Court and that chiefly for two Reasons; That I knew myself to be very little qualified for filling so important a station; an[d] then, that I could easily apprehend, the difficulty there must be, if not a moral Impossibility of any person conducting himself so in publick Life, as to be entirely free from Malevolent Reflections, nay that he cannot in so publick a station as this avoid giving some disgust to one or more of his Friends and perhaps run the risque of making them his Enemies. These things I considered very seriously, nor did I conceal my apprehensions from some of my Friends; but my Regard for the society wherein Providence has plac'd my Lot, the Duty, which I owe to that society, and to the Hoñble Company under whose Protection I live; as well as the particular Regard which I thought myself obliged to shew to those Gentlemen in the direction of the Company who have thought me worthy of being nominated in a Charter, got the better of my Fears and apprehensions, and when I accepted of the Office I determined to submit to many disadvantages which might affect myself alone, in hopes that my weak Endeavours might be of some use to the Community. When I entered upon this station, I reflected seriously with myself that it was my indispenseable Duty both to God and Man to get the better (as soon as possible) of the disadvantages which I laboured under & as to the apprehensions I had, that it would be impossible for me to do the Duty of my Office without favour or affection to any party; and at the same time not give Offence to one or the other, I soon determined that there was no alternative as to this, but that the secret satisfaction of acting with Impartiality must make up for all these Inconveniencys, nor do I think it necessary to conceal (being as yet almost a stranger in the place) the hopes I had, that however much a Disinterested behaviour might expose me to the displeasure of self Interested persons, it could never fail of proveing my best Recommendation to the favour of this Hoñble Board in particular and to all other good Men in general. For the short time which I have been in office, I am quite conscious to myself, that I have not in one title [*sic*] departed from my honest purpose, and if at any time I do depart from it, being removed by this Hoñble Board, will be but a bare piece of Justice. But truely sensible as I was of my own inability to fulfill the Office of a Judge in a Court of Record, where the property of people is determined without any limitation of sum, being little acquainted with Matters of Law, & still less with those matters of Form which are absolutely necessary to be religiously preserved in Publick Courts (and without the observance of which it would be morally impossible to keep up the regular course of Justice for these Reasons, I say, I thought it altogether incumbent upon me to make myself immediately acquainted with so much of the Dutys of my Office, as might at least prevent my falling into any gross Errors myself, and (as far as my memory and other faculties could serve) might likewise enable me to be of the greater use, in preventing the Court, as well as the suitors, from falling into any great Mistakes; for untill I did this, I was much of opinion, that it would be some presumption in me to determine upon peoples propertys, and upon the due Course, in which Justice ought to be administered, for If I had had any reason to suppose, that the Court, (as well as the Judges as the Officers) were already enough acquainted with every thing necessary to be observed for the due administration of Justice, and that I should have no more to do, than to give my Judgement according to the Evidence, I would notwithstanding, consider it as my Duty to get the best knowledge I could whether the Court did really proceed properly or not, so as to be as much upon a footing with the rest of the Bench as my poor Capacity could admit of, but after an

Interruption of the procedings of this Court, for several Years, considering that all the Bench (except one) were new Members, and that all the Attorneys seem'd either to have forgot or not as yet learnt the forms of the Court, I humbly apprehend, that it is no reflection upon the Bench, if I say, that however sufficiently qualified other Members might find themselves, without taking the trouble of procuring that Information which my Ignorance made it necessary for me to procure, I really believed that my getting some Knowledge how the proceedings of the Court should go on, might be of some service (nor do I find that I was mistaken) I therefore immediately procured the Charter and after perusing it twice, I considered that since it was upon that authority alone all the Courts were founded the least deviation from the Orders thereof might be of fatal consequence, I therefore copy'd it immediately myself, because I would not trust it to the Inspection of a Black Writer, when I had done this, I read those two part of the Book of Instructions twice, which relate to civil Process and the Probat of Wills and have since perused it often, when I was in the least doubt about the Business of the Court and this I found of much use, But I was at the same time sensible that an Inspection into the practice of this Court at that time when the proceedings were carried on with a proper knowledge and circumspection must give me a better Idea than I could have had from the Book of Instructions alone. I therefore read over a pretty large Book of the Minutes of proceedings for the whole year of Mr. Goodwin's Mayoralty, and when I met with any remarkable Cause look'd at the whole proceedings, some other assistances I have likewise had recourse to (not necessary to mention) & altho' I do not want to take any merit to myself on this account (as I did no more than my Duty the better to enable me to discharge my Office to the satisfaction of my own conscience at least) I think I may be allowed to say, that I would not have taken so much pains, if it had been a matter of such indifference to me, as Mr. Fairfield would endeavour to make people think it is, how I gave my Judgement in the Court. But what I humbly apprehend will still further evince the intire falsity of the accusation, is this, that I do appeal to all the Members of the Court, (as well as Judges as Officers) and even to the suitors and Witnesses. whether I have at any time been so shy or timid of giving my opinion when occasion offered; as to betray the least unwillingness to express myself till I had heard what others had to say. I am pretty sure, that this cannot be laid to my charge, and upon that day in particular, when the Decree was given about the Horse, I appeal to the whole Court, whether I was backward either in examining the partys and the Witnesses or in giving my opinion. I am positive that I was not, at the same time I beg leave to say that (conscious as I am of my own inexperience and Incapacity) there is no body more sensible than I am, how much circumspection it is proper for me to use, in forming my opinion upon most points which come to be determined by a purality [*sic*] of voices, but when the Affair is ripe for Judgement, I trust in God, that no Consideration will bar me, from giving the best opinion I can, even altho' it should happen that I stand alone in it, and this Gentleman knows that, that too has been the case in another Instance not necessary to be mention'd.

I beg leave to assure this Honble Board that I am not so revengefull in my nature, but that I would have pass'd by aspersions of scandal which affected myself alone, without making them the ground of any publick Complaint, but such a reflection as this, upon publick Justice, as well as upon my own private character, makes it the Duty of my station, to defend the one, and the Duty I owe to my Reputation, to vindicate the other. I delivered my Judgement freely upon the cause of the Horse, and I have spoke my opinions since that day without any reserve and without regarding any scandal, which the peevish or splenetick will often be venting; for it is my humble opinion that if once a Court of Justice is awed or swayed by vulgar Noise; and if a Judge should carry himself so as would best comply with the peoples humour, Men have but

little chance for holding their Fortunes and enjoy what they have with much uncertainty. Inconsiderate People do always determine a Cause, before tryal and without proof, but people ought to be pleas'd with publick Justice and not Justice seek to please them. These are merely general Reflections, but as to the Case in hand, I will not pretend to stretch it beyond what it will bear, much less shall, I say, what does not appear to me altogether reasonable and true. It is very evident that Mr. Richard Fairfield was determined to spread this publick scandal as much as possible by talking it publickly at a Table where no doubt several Black servants were attending who will publish every thing instantly. Was it not quite Malevolent and ill Judged to raise such a scandal and that almost as soon as the Court was re-established, it is hard too, that such a Reflection should be thrown upon me, and that too in the very first Decree in which I gave an opinion, My Welfare, support and Establishment in this Country depends altogether upon a good character, even in matters of private concern, much more then, upon an umblemish'd character as a publick Magistrate. Every body knows, how much publick authority is kept up by that opinion which Mankind have of the Individuals of a Corporation, this scandal does not only strike immediately at my character but in the most effectual manner it is a wound to the whole corporation by arraigning a publick Judgement, and it greatly aggrevates the crime, that it appears to be a person who is cloathed with the authority of a Judge, [s]trikeing at the root of Justice and taking away that essential prop thereof, the good character of those by whom it is administred, and as to my own particular that regard which I owe to the publick welfare, that Regard which I owe to myself in my publick and private capacity, which I owe to those Gentlemen who did me the Honour of giving a good character of me to their Friends in India, which I owe to those Gentlemen in this Country to whom I had Letters of Recommendation, as well as those Gentlemen who have received me into their conversation without any Letters, together with that consciousness which I enjoy in my own Breast, that I have acted with Integrity in my private and with strict Impartiallity for the short time I have had the Honour to stand in a publick capacity, these considerations, make it impossible for me to remain silent under so severe and Reproachfull a scandal, for I should think myself much unworthy of private Regard, confidence or Credit and much more of publick Trust or authority, if I neglected the taking the proper notice of and requesting an adequate satisfaction, for the complicated Scandal upon publick authority and private Reputation publish'd by this Gentlemen, who altho' he would possibly be laugh'd at, if he told this story as a matter of hearsay, did no doubt expect to gain some degree of belief, by delivering it as a matter which passed upon the Bench whilst he himself was sitting there.

Obloquy and Reproach upon an opinion which a Judge gives in a Court of Justice, strikes at the dignity and authority of Judges; what is then to be thought of him, who being himself a Judge shall appear publickly to throw a severe Reproach upon the very authority with which he himself is cloathed, and falsely expose, even to the scorn of the natives of this country, one of the most gratefull Ingredients of our Constitution, the administration of publick Justice. I appeal to this Honble Board how far such a person is worthy of publick Trust and whether a regard to publick Justice does not require that a Reproach should be fixed upon him equal to the hiegnousness [*sic*] of the offence. If this Gentleman had had a due Regard to the Dignity of his station, he ought to have considered that scandelous Reflections coming from him are doubly culpable (for the quality and Degree of the Offender aggravates the Guilt) and the matter is made still worse by aiming them at a Magistrate of the Court, whereof he himself is a Member, and that too, by passing a false censure upon that Magistrates [*sic*] giving Judgement in the Execution of his Office, I must beg leave to take notice, that all the Laws of England which say

any thing of scandal upon persons in authority make a very great distinction betwixt any scandal altho' never so severe which arraigns the character of a Magistrate, as such and a scandal which arraigns the Magistrate, in the Execution of his Office and there are the most obvious Reasons for it arraigning the opinion of a Judge in the Execution of his Office, as striking at Justice itself, But altho' I am sensible that this will be very obvious to this Honble Board, I will beg leave to quote higher authority's for it than any that can be offered from the Reasonableness of the thing itself. 12 Ed. 4 Ch. 18.21. Ed. 4. Ch. 67 Coke 12th. Inst. p. 24 Vaughns. Rept. p. 138, 139 Sandfts. Pl. C. p. 173 all say " The Law has exempted Judges of all Courts of Record from all prosecutions whatsoever, except in the Parliamt. (where they may be punish'd) for any thing done by them openly in such Courts as Judges. For the authority of a Government cannot be maintained unless the greatest Credit be given to those who are so highly intrusted with the administration of publick Justice and it would be impossible for them to keep up in the people that veneration of their persons and submission to their Judgements without which it is impossible to execute the Laws with vigour and success if they should be exposed to the prosecution of those whose partiality to their own causes would induce to think themselves injured."

The 18 Ed. 3. Ch. 1. " A Judge shall not forbear to minister Justice to all Men indifferently without denying right to any, tho' the King by his Letters or by express Words command the contrary and he is answerable in Body Lands and Goods ".

" Cokes Ist. Instant p. 294. 2d. Instt. p. 422. "A Judge shall not be *generally excepted against* or *challenged* or have any action brought against him for what he does as Judge."

But for much more on this subject I beg leave to refer to Hawkins pleas of the Crown, Book. 1. Ch. 22 and the same Chapter will shew, that private scandal upon Magistrates is of far less consequence than any Expression which throws the least Reflection upon their Judgement given in Court. Perhaps Mr. Fairfield may now pretend to say " that he did not intend any Reflection upon me by the story which he gave out " what did he intend then? Was it to do me a Credit? I say it was not, and I beg leave to appeal to this Honble Board, whether in common sense the thing can bear so absurd a construction as the alledging that this did not reflect upon me. If that Gentleman in particular at whose table this story was talked, will ask his own Breast, whether he took it to be spoke to my credit or to my Discredit, & Whether if he had believed it, he must not entertain a very bad opinion of me upon that account, I believe he will soon solve himself and the other Gentleman of this Honble Board But I believe that the knowledge he had of his Guest or if not that, his own good nature have pleaded in my favour to prevent his receiving any bad impression to my prejudice. And if Mr. Fairfield should prevaricate with this Honble Board, as he has already done in some Measure with me, by saying " that he does not well remember the Expressions he made use of ", or, that he should say, " that he believed, I said words to such a purpose but that he did not assert it for a truth " and that he would have it inferred from thence that what he said could not affect me; I must beg leave to say that in whatever Words his meaning was convey'd, the words were understood but one way and that so far to my prejudice as to arraign my Judgement in a public Court, as it is beyond doubt that he intended them. Or, if he should think to extenuate the offence by saying " that he did not mean any thing by what he said further than to furnish a subject of Conversation for the Company to talk of ". I think this will condemn him sufficiently should he mean to hint " that whatever he said was not in earnest for that he intended no more than to make a Joke of it " I would put him in mind, of an old adage, that Mocking is catching ", and tell him

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besides that however indifferent he may be about the Honour and Credit of a publick station, he could have no grounds to suppose that I had so little regard for my publick or private character as to suffer his sarcasms to pass with Impunity. But further, should this Gentleman offer to recall what he has said in order to have leave for saying something else of less Import, he should know, that this is now too late, the story has been some time in every bodys Mouth and now it seems to me to be sufficiently fixed upon him, as the Original Author, nor can he any more recall his Words, now that they are gone out of his mouth. And least any Mistate [*sic*] should happen, by the putting an improper Explanation upon such words, altho' I believe no body will say for him, that they convey'd a good meaning; it is proper to say here, what the true meaning is which must be put upon such words but for this I will quote a higher authority from 1st. Vol. Vertriss Repts. p. 60. 12 Levinz. do. p. 277 and 4 V. Rept. p. 13 & 14. " The words in cases of a scandal or wrong done to a Judge &ca. shall be taken in the worst sence in order to preserve the Honour of such persons ".

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14TH. JANRY. 1754.

FOR all which Causes I do most humbly pray, for such a Judgement, as to this Honble Board shall seem meet.

ANDREW ROSS.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT St. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

A false and scandalous Report being spread about Town by Mr. Ephraim Isaac Inhabitant of this place reflecting upon several of Us Aldermen of the Mayors Court of this Town of Madrasspatnam which We judge to be a Reflection on the Court in general, which false and Scandelous Report Mr. Isaac say'd Mr. Franco was author of, but Mr. Franco absolutely denies, in order to find out the real author and contriver of it, We beg leave to apply to your Honour &ca. in hopes of meeting with Redress, that such author of such False and scandalous Report may be punished adequate to his crime, to deter other wicked and designing Men from being guilty of the like offence in future, as We Judge Reports of this Kind are set afoot and intended to create parties and Jealousies in the said Court, or to make the World believe there are parties in the said Court, all which We think tend to cast contempt and censure on the Judgement & Decrees of the Mayors Court.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Hum. Servts.

FORT St. GEORGE
11TH. JANUARY 1754.

WM. PERCEVAL.
EDWD. EDWARDS.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
JOHN BROWNING.

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HON~BLE SIR & SIRS

I humbly apprehend that the subjects of Great Britain are not compellable in any case to give an answer to any matter that may be to their prejudice; I speak it with great submission to your Honour &c[a]. I am unwilling to do any thing that may lessen the security of the subject, especially at a time when I see fivilous [*sic*] and Malicious prosecutions are industriously set on foot, therefore, I hope I shall not be compelled to give an answer to any Questions but in the Judiciary Way, & have a proper time allowed to answer a Charge in Writing.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE. I am

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Your Honours most Obedient Hum. Serv[t].

EPHRAIM ISAAC.

TO THE HON~BLE THO[S]. SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. & GOV[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE &C[A]. COUNCIL.

TO M[R]. EPHRAIM ISAAC.

SIR

The Board having considered the Letter you this day delivered in Consultation in answer to a complaint made against you by several of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court for a false and scandalous Report, I am ordered by the President and Council to send you a Copy of the said complaint and to require your answer thereto in writing to be laid before them on Monday next the 21st. Instant and that you therein declare who was the author of the said Report, in default of which they will consider you as the author and proceed accordingly. I am also directed to acquaint you that the doubt you express'd, whether you were oblig'd to attend the Board when sent for, they are willing to impute to your Ignorance of their power, rather than you really mean to call in Question an authority which You will feel the weight of unless you will comply with their reasonable demand. I am.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE. SIR

14TH. JAN~RY. 1754. Your most Obedient servant,

JOS : DUPRÉ,
Secretary.

17th. R~ecd by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort S[t]. David dated 14th. Inst[t].

— D[o]. DeveCotah dated 12th. Inst[t].

18 D[o]. by Pattamar D[o]. Vizagapatm~. dated 26 Ult[o].

— D[o]. Madapollam dated 5 Inst.

20 Arrived Snow Charming Polly George Ivie Vizagapatm~. with two General Letters from the Chief and Council there both dated the 31st. Ult[o]. and one from Captain Grierson of the Companys sloop Porto Bello dated 30th. Ult[o].

— Arrived Snow Neptune Andrew Karr from Pigue with a General Letter from M[r]. Robert Westgarth Resident at Syrian as entered in the Extraordinary occurrences.

— Arrived Sloop London, Henry Karr from Bengall.

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Arrived the Hon̄ble Company's sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond from the Negrais with General Letters from Mr. Henry Brooke and Robert Westgarth as entered in the Extraordinary occurrences also a General Letter from Captain Mainwaring of the Colchester at the Negrais dated 11th. Instant. 20.

Rẽcd by Tappies General Letter from St. David dated 18th. Instt. 21

Arrived the Hon̄ble Company's ship Dragon, Captain Henry Kent from Bengal with a General Letter from the President and Council there dated 27th. Ultimo.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDT. MONDAY THE 21ST.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying upon the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 14th. Instant read & signed.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no Cause of complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read from Fort St. David.

No. 5 and No. 12 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David the first dated the 14th. Instant, enclosing an Account Current We wrote for of salampores Middling and acquainting Us that the gain which appears thereon of 2135. 24. 24 is not from any sale but only from the difference in the Valuation on the Debtor and Credit sides, that the several articles in the Storekr. and Military Storekrs. Lists transmitted us for leave to be wrote off are entirely lost. That the Officers of the Bengall Detachment say they have hitherto had Diet Money as well as subsistence and request the Continuance of it, desiring that a Copy of the Stewards Account Remains as it stands in Our Books may be sent them with the value of each article as they are valued in their Books in one sum enclosing a petition from Captn. Holford desiring some advice and direction in relation to his Vessell stranded near Porto Novo. The other dated the 18th. Instant advising that by a Letter from Lieutenant Revell they are informed that the several stores that were sent with him from DeveCotah for Camp had been taken by the Morattas and therefore he is preparing a fresh Indent the most material article of which is the three, four and six pounder shott they before indented for and which they desire may be sent them with the other articles they have indented for particularly the Wax Cloth desiring a few Matresses may be sent them for their Laboratory, that Mr. Baird has rec'd his salary and Diet and proceeds to this Presidency.

from Deve Cotah.

N. 6 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 12th. Instant acquainting us that he hopes soon to be able to give us his thoughts about an Investment at that place. That Mr. Flaction came out a Voluntier and was sent to St. David and from thence to DeveCotah with Orders from the Deputy Govr. to remain there and act as an Officer till further orders. That Captn. Innes and Greenville and Messrs. Spear and Clark are arrived the last three proceeded to camp and Captn. Pascall will soon follow, that in regard to what We wrote about the [1] Pollygars Dutys he had never heard any Complaint and apprehends it might arise from the Bound Renters objection to an article in his Cowle whereby he is allowed 176 [2] Cauneess of paddy Ground which they say

1. descendants of the Naiks, *Love's Vestiges*, Vol. I, page 13.
2. land measure equal to 24 *manai* or grounds of 2,400 sq. ft. each, *Hobson Jobson*, page 176.

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is equal to 220 [1] Valees and is half the produce of the whole limits whereas his proper allowance in the King of Tanjores time was only 47 Valees, whence he apprehends there must be a Mistake in the Cowle, That the detachment ℘ sloop Salingore arrived and were landed there the 11th. at night. That in regard to the party at Pallamcotah the Pollygar and the Cuddapah Nabob's [2] Vackeel have made such pressing Instances to have it continue there a few days longer till they collect in the grain that he has consented to it as otherwise it would not be in their power to pay the Charges of the Expedition, that the sloop Dragon is still detained there by contrary Winds but as soon as it becomes favourable he proposes to dispatch her to us with a loading of piles enclosing Monthly papers for Decembr.

Vizagapatam. No. 7 No. 9 and No. 10 from George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam the first dated the 26th. Ulto. acknowledging the receipt of Ours of the 7th. Novr. serving to accompany their Books ending 30th. April last and sundry copies of Invoice on the back whereof they desire an account Sortment of Cloth may be endorsed as that sent them is imperfect acquainting us that they have not begun to repair any of their works and requesting that if Colonel Scott should come here and We approve his plan We will send them a proper person to direct the Workmen as they have nobody capable & the only thing they can undertake is to build the Wall from Martins Point to Tonnerys Battery, which is plain Work & they think very material as the Cost will not be so much as the Teak Timber for Pallisadoes which are daily decaying and are of no security. That they have supplied Mr. Westcott with fifty Buckaneer pieces and what other accoutrement he desired. That they have a Verbal Grant from the Nabob to coin Copper. That the Rajah Viziaram Rauze has desired Mr. Pigot to request we will supply him with 100 Barrells of Gunpowder, enclosing a petition of Mr. Maul Surgeon for the Negrais to whom they have allowed 15 Pagodas a Month for his support during a dangerous Illness he contracted there. The two others are both dated 31st. December, one of them is to acquaint us that the Porto Bello Sloop not having been able to save her passage to the Negrais put in there for Water, that her sails are so much shatter'd by beating that it will take up a considerable time to repair them and as it is judged she may get as soon to the Negrais if she leaves that place the Latter end of January as if she were to sail directly they propose to keep her for what further Instructions We may have to send to Mr. Hunter. That they have landed the detachment and paid them for December and have ordered the pay of their Train to be put upon the same footing as ours from the 1st. of this Month. The third Letter is to enclose copys of Letters to Mr. Pigot from Viziaram Rauze (in which he enclosed copys of Salabat Jings [3] Phirmaunds to M. De Bussy for the Rajamundram &ca. Countrys) and Jaffer Ally Cawn and acquainting us that they apprehend the Rajah is in the French Interest which they have long suspected tho' on account of his neighbourhood they shewed him many civilities and refused the Nabob any assistance and even now many of his Women are in the Town. That the Nabob's Request to have his Family at Vizagapatam they propose giving them protection requesting that We will supply them with two or three Subaltern Officers.

Bandarmalanka. No. 8 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated the 5th. Instant acquainting Us that the Grants lately made to the French having been obtained without the privity or consent of the Duangee and other Officers of the Divan, they have wrote to Jaffer Ally Cawn not to pay any regard to the perwana nor deliver up the Country, that he at present opposes the French but without some European Force to assist him he must soon be obliged to give up the Cause the consequence of which will be the loss of our Trade, enclosing the Monthly accounts for December and Account Quick stock.

1. a measure of land containing 5 cawnees or 6 acres and 6/10ths. *H. H. Wilson's Glossary*, page 545.
2. an authorised representative. *Hobson Jobson*, page 961.
3. grant of privileges, *Love's Vestiges*, Vol. I, page 267.

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N°. 11 from Captain William Grierson Commandt. of the Companys sloop Porto Bello dated in Vizagapatam Road the 30th. December acquainting us with the reasons that obliged him to put in there finding it impossible to gain his passage to the Negrais that he shall get the vessell in readiness as soon as possible and wait our further Orders. **[Fr] om Captn. Grierson.**

N°. 13 from the President and Council of Bengal dated 27th. December acquainting Us that agreeable to Our Request for a ship to take in the surplus pepper at the West Coast they sent us the Dragon with only 1200 Bags of salt Petre and 20 Tons of Redwood and have filled up with Rice the room that will be wanted there for the pepper. That they have station'd the Egmont Captain Tolson to relieve the Colchester at the Negrais and by her shall send the provisions We desired and what artificers can be procured that the Arrival of the Colchester with them must be so late that it will not be in their power to get her away in Charter party time. That in regard to the standing Order in the year 1734 prohibiting the Importa[tion] of their ships to the southward of Us, they are sorry to find We are determined to push that point to the utmost by representing it to Our Employers as it must be of great prejudice [to] their Trade should they agree in sentiments with us, however they flatter themselves that the reasons they have offered to Our Honble Masters will have more weight, with them than with Us. That they are sorry We can't assist in disposing of the Tonnage, that they are obliged to keep no less than four ships (reckoning the Egmont one) which they have station'd Vizt. Winchelsea and Montfort for Bombay & Surat and have let the Elizabeth to Freight, the Winchelsea sailed the 24th. and ye. Montfort is to be dispatched the latter end of Janry. That they decline the offer We made of freighting some of the Compys. ships jointly with them but as they look upon it as certain that they shall be obliged to detain some of the ships of next season if we should be able to provide for them by letting them to Freight or otherwise they desire Us to do it. That they send us Lieut. Richard Bishop, Ensign Francis Hayes and Lieutent. Laurence Witherington of the Train to supply the Vacancys in their detachment on this Coast. That Colonel Scott on Tryall of some powder made there finding it better than the Bombay Powder they have desired the Gentlemen there not to send them any more and they can supply us with any quantity We may want, that they propose to dispatch the Portfield directly for Europe in a Weeks time and the Durrington to us the beginning of January. That they have directed Captain Kent to follow Our Orders. That they have laden the St. Helena Stores on board the Dragon enclosing a packet which they desire us to forward to Our Honble Masters. **Bengall.**

N°. 14 from Captain Roger Mainwaring of the ship Colchester dated at the Negrais the 11th. Instant, setting forth the Distress he is in for provisions having but barely sufficient on Board to carry him from thence, that hitherto he has subsisted his people on Turtle which cannot be procured in the S.W. Monsoon and therefore unless he is relieved they must unavoidably perish, that his ship being on her fourth voyage & having suffered much in the last as well as the present he hopes he shall not be exposed to a late passage round the Cape, but that he may be sent to some port where he can refit and put his ship in a Condition to proceed to Europe an early ship next season, for all which reasons he desires to be relieved and that We will direct him where to go in case it should be too late to come on the Coast. **[fr]om Captn. Mainwaring.**

The petition of Mr. Charles Maul (enclosed in the General Letter from Vizagapatam) read as entered hereafter setting forth that he went with Mr. Hunter as surgeon to the Negrais where he was seized with a violent fever which made his removal necessary and the Vessell touching at Vizagapatam he went on shore there for his recovery, he therefore hopes he shall be considered as a Companys Servant and have his allowances continued to him untill he is capable of Duty. **Petition of Mr. Maul to have his pay during his illness.**

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Granted.

Agreed that Mr. Maule have his allowances as surgeon continued and that he be ordered to proceed hither as soon as his health will permit.

Genl. letters to

Agreed that the following General Letters be wrote in answer to the several foregoing Vizt.

Fort St. David.

To Fort St. David, that as soon as the Dragon sloop arrives or by any conveyance that may sooner offer We shall send them a Lack of Rupees and the sundries they have indented for, that We observe the cause of profit in the account of Salampores &ca. and in future their Goods must be invoiced nearer the price at which they are received from the Merchants, That in regard to the deficiency in the stores Civil and Military We are not satisfy'd with their reasons as the articles they mention cannot be annihilated that a list of useless stores &ca. and waste should be sent us annually that they may be sold or wrote off, that they must acquaint us under whose Management the deficiencys happened, that we may recover the amount they must therefore be carried forward, but the other accounts sent us in their Letter of the 28th. Decembr. may be wrote off. That in regard to the Tarpaulins and deficiencys ℔ Chesterfield and Bombay Castle they be acquainted as resolved in last Consultation. That their account of Furniture must be carried forward as it now stands it being too late to regulate it in those Books, that We do not see any reason for allowing Diet Money to the Bengal Officers besides Batta that We can take no Cognizance of Captain Holfords Petition but he should apply to Mr. Meregeot who is Attorney to Messs. De Mare and Murphy, that We shall send some Matrosses for their Laboratory, That a sufficient sum must be advanc'd for every Employ in fanams, that there may be no occasion for exchanging Pagodas and that the Company must be duely Credited for all Batta. That a head must be erected in their Books for the Companys Washers, Debting them for what advanc'd and crediting them Monthly for the Cloth they deliver in, that We send them some Vizagapatam Invoices on the back whereof they must endorse a regular Account Sortment, That they must send us, a Duplicate account of Ordnance &ca. such as went home ℔ Delawar, that they must send us up their Bales by every good Conveyance and give no more Cloth to the Wash than they are sure can be cured for the Durrington.

To Deve Cotah.

To DeveCotah that we have ordered a Commission for Ensign Flaction, that from the Observation of the Polligars Cowle We apprehend there must be a Mistake in it in regard to the quantity of Paddy Ground to be allowed him that We shall enquire of the King of Tanjores People what was customary formerly and give Our directions accordingly. That our Orders for recalling the party from Pollam Cotah were possitive That a few days can be of very little service in collecting in the Grain, that the most We consent to is that it remain there 'till the Breach is repaired which ought to have been done immediately and before the party returns the Polligar must defray the charges of that Expedition.

Vizagapatam.

To Vizagapatam that the Invoices they sent us shall be properly endors'd with a perfect Account Sortment and the same method may be continued that if Coll. Scott should come here without calling there, We shall consult with him and give them Our directions in relation to their works, that We shall supply the Rajah with one hundred Barrels of Gun powder as he desires, that We should have been better pleased if they had not detained the Porto Bello sloop, that they must load her with Rice, Doll, Ghee and other provisions and dispatch her to the Negrais immediately, that we shall order the Cuddalore sloop to call there shortly for a loading of the like sort of provisions which must therefore be prepared, that We approve of their paying the detachment for the Negrais ℔ Porto Bello and their Train may be paid on the same footing agreeable to the Orders recd from Europe this season. That We approve of their giving protection to the Nabob's Family and they must do the like for the Rajah

if he should desire it, and cultivate a Friendship with both, the former acquaints Us he has given a [1] perwana for coining of [2] Dubs if they have not received it this will be a favourable opportunity to obtain it, that We shall supply them with the Subaltern Officers they desire when We can spare them; that they have been guilty of a great neglect in not sending us their account of Quick stock and annual Report of the encrease and decrease of Revenues and Expences which will put us to difficultys, they should also have sent us Duplicate account of Ordnance &ca. to go home ℔ Durrington that we observe the Ballance of their Cash is too large and they must therefore supply, Mr. Westcott and Andrews with 5000 Pagodas each, that the number of artificers they employ is entered in the Gross under the head of Repairs or Fortifications, this is too general the particular work they are employ'd on should be explained and so also of Materials.

To Ingeram and Madapollam that we have ordered the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to supply them with five thousand Pagodas each which is all they must expect till the Europe ships arrive. **Ingeram & Madapollm̃.**

To Mr. Henry Brooke at the Negrais, to be forwarded from Vizagapatam ℔ Porto Bello sloop, that We shall shortly return the Cuddalore sloop to him and by her give him full directions in every Respect and shall order her to call at Vizagapatam for a loading of provisions. **To Negrais.**

Ordered that the several Indents for stores from Mr. Westgarth and the Negrais be complied with and that the Cuddalore sloop be supplied with what may be necessary as soon as possible that she may be in readiness to return to the Negrais. **Indents from the Negrais to be complied with.**

Ordered that the Dispatches for Europe and the West Coast to go by our Hon̄ble Masters ship Dragon be prepared by the beginning of next week that she may proceed on her voyage without delay. **Dispatches ℔ Dragon to be prepared.**

The Head of Charges General in the Vizagapatam Books appearing very large Ordered that the Accountant compare the same with the Books of 1748 and subsequent Years and Report to the Board the cause of the Increase. **The accom̃pt to examine the head of charges Gen. in the Vizaptm̃. Books & Report.**

The Secretary by order of last Consultation having summon'd Messrs. Andrew Munro (Mayor) Wm. Perceval, John Browning, John Smith Aldermen and Mr. Daniel Morse Register of the Mayors Court to attend this day in relation to a complaint exhibited by Mr. Andrew Ross against Mr. Richd. Fairfield, who were also summoned to attend, they were called in, and the Secretary by order of the Board read to them such part of Mr. Ross's complaint as contains his charge against Mr. Fairfield, and likewise Mr. Fairfields answer as entered in the Minutes of last Consultation. **Mr. Ross's complaint against Mr. Fairfield examined.**

The following questions being then put severally to Mr. Morse, Mr. Smith, Mr. Browning and last of all Mr. Munro whether they were present in Court when Judgement was given in the cause between Mr. Edward Edwards and Mr. Ephraim Isaac in relation to a Horse and whether, when Mr. Perceval, the Mayor apply'd to Mr. Ross for his Judgement in the said Cause, they heard him, Mr. Ross, ask how Mr. Munro had voted or any words to that or the like Effect.

> Mr. Daniel Morse answers, that he was present in Court at that time, that he did not hear Mr. Ross ask any such question, but that to the best of his remembrance he heard Mr. Ross say that he did not think Mr. Edwards had made it appear the Horse was unsound and that he gave his vote for Mr Isaac.

1. a written order, *Love's Vestiges*, Vol. I, page 91.
2. a small copper coin, *Hobson Jobson*, page 327.

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Mr. John Smith answers that he was present in Court at the time abovemention'd, & sat next to Mr. Ross on his right hand and that he did not hear Mr. Ross ask any such question as is above stated.

Mr. John Browning answers that he was present and sat at the distance of four from Mr. Ross and that he did not hear him ask how Mr. Munro had voted. Mr. Browning being then asked whether when Mr. Ross gave his vote Mr. Fairfield did not immediately turn to him and say " dont you think Mr. Ross's question a very odd one."
Mr. Browning answers that he does remember Mr. Fairfield did at that time ask some such question but he does not recollect the particular Words.

Mr. Andrew Munro answers that he was present in Court when Judgement was given in the said Cause and that he did not hear Mr. Ross ask how he had voted.

Mr. Perceval being prevented from attending, the president produces a Letter from him wherein he declares that he did not hear Mr. Ross ask how Mr. Munro had voted.

Mr. Andrew Ross then desired that the Question might be put to the several Aldermen present, whether before Judgement was given in the said Cause it was not so far canvass'd by the Aldermen as that a Judgement might be very well formed what was the particular opinion of each of them.

The said Question being accordingly put to Mr. Smith Mr. Browning and Mr. Munro they say they think it was, which Mr. Fairfield also admits.

Mr. Fairfield being then asked whether he had anything further to offer, says that the manner in which his words are construed is not what he meant, that his only meaning in calling it an odd Question was because he thought Mr. Ross had no right to ask it.

The Complainant and Defendant resting their cause here they with the other Gentlemen who were summoned to attend were ordered to withdraw, and the Board having then duely considered the Merits, are of opinion that as the Report spread by Mr. Fairfield was certainly a Reflection on Mr. Ross, which might have affected his Character had it not been clear'd up, proper satisfaction should therefore be given him.

Mr. Fairfield to ask Mr. Ross's pardon.

Ordered that the Secretary summon the Mayor and all the Aldermen with the Register to attend the Board on Monday next the 28th. Instant at 10 oclock in the morning and that Mr. Fairfield do then publickly in their presence and before this Board ask Mr. Ross's pardon and acknowledge that the Report by him spread touching Mr. Ross was unjustly founded.

a Letter from Mr. Isaac in answer to the complaint of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court.

A Letter sealed, directed " to the Worshipfull Thomas Saunders Esqr. and " others his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the Town of Madrasspatnam " and the districts thereof " being open'd and read (as entered hereafter) is found to contain an answer from Ephraim Isaac to the Complaint against him by Messrs. William Perceval, Edward Edwards, Richard Fairfield and John Browning, for a false and scandalous Report in which answer he has artfully evaded the point required of him in the Secretarys Letter, of the 14th. Instant which was to declare his author by excepting against the said Complaint as insufficient, the nature of the Report he is charg'd with not being set forth.

Order thereon.

Ordered that the Secretary write to Mr. Isaac that this Board do not now sit as Justices of the Peace but as President and Council, that, forms which may

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be essential in a Court of Law are not so here, however, that he may be satisfyed in the objection he makes, a Copy of his answer will be sent to the Gentlemen who complained, a draught of a Letter being accordingly approved is entered hereafter.

ORDERED that a Copy of Mr. Isaac's answer be sent to Messrs. Perceval, Edwards, Fairfield and Browning with a Letter from the Secretary acquainting that tho' the said answer is directed to his Majestys Justices this Board do not in the present case sit in that Capacity but as Governour & Council & that as it is but reasonable Mr. Isaac should be inform'd particularly of what he is charged with they are desired to lay their reply before the Board at next Consultation and therein to state the nature of the Report they alledge against Mr. Isaac. The Secretarys Letter is entered hereafter.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE Humble Petition of Charles Maule

SHEWETH

THAT Your Petitioner during his stay at the Negrais having contracted so violent a Fever as not only rendered him incapable of further service there, but also made it necessary he should remove from thence as the only means of his Recovery, Mr. Hunter was pleased to grant your Petitioner this favour, and the vessell he embark'd on touching at Vizagapatam he desired Mr. Pigot's Permission to be brought on shore, and humbly prays your Honour &ca. will be pleased yet to look on him as a servant of the Company and to indulge him to receive his allowances and remain here till his further recovery when he will with great chearfullness obey any orders he may receive from your Honour &ca. and your petitioner as in Duty bound

SHALL EVER PRAY.
CHARLES MAULE.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
AND OTHER'S HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE TOWN OF MADRASSPATNAM AND THE DISTRICTS THEREOF.

THE ANSWER of Ephraim Isaac of Madrass Merchant to a Complaint exhibited against him and directed to The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. &ca. Council by Messrs. William Perceval, Richard Fairfield, Edward Edwards and John Browning Aldermen of the same place.

The said Ephraim Isaac saving to himself all advantage of Exception to the said Complaint and of not being prejudiced by any words, or want of Form, in this his answer and also saving to himself all priviledges and rights, belonging to him as one of the subjects of Great Britain.

Saith that the Complaint although it sounds big with the Words, False and scandalous Reports, yet as no false scandalous Reports, nor crime are laid down nor set forth in this vague complaint, it is morally impossible to answer to it, as these imaginary Reports or crimes appear to be neither black nor white and are only a mere Chimara, and nothing; and therefore cannot be charged, on Ephraim Isaac or any body else, so that of consequence these Gentlemen Aldermen, complain of nothing, altho' they have taken upon themselves, to judge, this same nothing to be a Reflection upon the Mayors Court and although they absurdly judge these imaginary Reports as set on foot by wicked and designing Men, to create parties and Jealousies &ca. in the Mayors Court without supporting this their Judgement with either Reason or Evidence.

I do really acknowledge my ignorance, in these affairs and therefore I humbly pray, your Worship &ca. Justices (that if these Gentlemen have any matter to lay to my charge, as I have not the Honour to be of their Fraternity) they may be ordered to do it by way of Information in the ordinary course and manner as is done in like cases, in that part of Great Britain called England.

I desire no more than the priviledges of the Law of England which is a Law of Mercy, and not of Rigour, and hath the protection of the meanest subject in the highest and tenderest Estimation, I have the highest Respect for that Legal authority with which your Worship are vested. I know it to be my bounden Duty to obey that authority without any Reluctance, nay I account it to be the greatest happiness to myself, and to every body else, to have the protection thereof, a protection, which will not suffer any Injury to be done to me, or to any other without a fair, an impartial and open Tryal.

What proper Title to give this paper, which is laid before your Worships against me, I own myself ignorant of, but this I know to be my undoubted Right as an English subject, that I must be allowed to plead to the Errors thereof, before I plead to the offence, even although an offence was particularly set forth which is not the case at present. This is consonant to the declar'd Judgement of Sr. Edward Coke that great Oracle of the Laws of England, whose Books are publish'd by special Orders and authority of Parliament, for good Law, these Orders are dated 12th. May 1641 and 3d. June 1642 and therefore no doubt can be made but it is agreeable to his Majestys Royal Charter, as well as to the Instructions and Books of Law sent by the Hoñble East India Company for the due Execution of the Charter.

I therefore except to the said paper, exhibited against me by the four Aldermen, and I humbly apprehend that no Legal use can be made of it to my prejudices.

FORT ST. GEORGE. EPHRAIM ISAAC.
21ST. JANUARY 1754.

To MR. EPHRAIM ISAAC.

SIR

Whilst the President and Council were sitting in Consultation they received a Letter directed to them by the stile [*sic*] of "The Worshipfull Thomas Saunders Esqr. and others his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the Town of Madrasspatnam & the districts thereof, which (tho' they were not then sitting in that Capacity) they opened, and found it contain'd what you have thought proper to say in answer to the Letter I wrote you the 14th. Instant by their Order as *President and Council*, by referring to that Letter you will find it particularly so mention'd. Were they to sit as a Court of Judicature, the observance of particular Forms might be requisite, which as President and

Council are not so essential and therefore they pass it over. What they understand from your answer is, that you desire to be informed particularly of the nature of the scandalous Report you are charg'd with before you declare your author, and that you may be satisfy'd in this particular, a copy of your answer will be sent to the Gentlemen who made the Complaint. This I am ordered to signify to you by the *President and Council.*

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient servant

Fort St. George. Josias Dupré.
21st. January 1754. *Secretary*

To Messrs. William Perceval.
Edward Edwards.
Richard Fairfield.
John Browning.

Gentlemen

Your Letter to the President and Council dated 11th. Instant purporting a complaint against Mr. Ephraim Isaac for a false and scandalous Report, having been read in Consultation the 14th. Instant, I was then directed, and accordingly did send Mr. Isaac A Copy thereof for his Information requiring him at the same time to deliver his answer in Writing, and therein to declare the author of the said Report, in consequence of which a Writing purporting Mr. Isaac's answer and directed to his Majestys Justices was this day laid before the Board and read tho' they did not sit in that capacity, you will observe by Mr. Isaac's answer that he objects to your Complaint as insufficient, because the nature of the scandal he is charged with is not explained, the President & Council are of opinion Mr. Isaac should be satisfy'd in this particular and therefore by their order I send you a copy of his answer that you may state the nature of the Offence fully in your Reply to be laid before the Board on Monday next the 28 Instant.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Humble servant

Fort St. George. Josias Du Pré,
21st. Janry. 1754. *Secrety.*

Arrived ship Norwood, Thos. Swaine from Bengal. 23d.

Do. ship Lisle, James Munro, from Bandarmalanka & Vizagapatam with a Genl. Letter from the latter dated 7th. Inst.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David and DeveCotah both dated this day. —

Arrived Brigantine Hyderbux, Hodgee Noquedah from Pegue. 24th.

Sent by Pattamars the following Genl. Letters dated this day Viz. —

To Bengal
To Coll. Scott at Do. } to be forwarded from Vizagapatam.

To Mr. Henry Brooke at the Negrais to be forwarded from Do. by the Porto Bello sloop now lying there.

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To Vizagapatam.
To Ingeram.
To Madapollam.

24th. Recd by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 21st. Janry.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 28TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and signed.

Hospital Visited.

Mr. Wynch reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no cause of Complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

Genl. Letter read From Coll. Scott.

No. 15 from Colonel Scott at Bengal dated 29th. December acquainting us that by Letters from the Engineers here, he finds great complaints for want of Materials particularly Brick and Chunam and therefore he desires We will order the making of large Bricks and permit the free making of them, That the Engineer may have leave to inspect the Brick kilns and see that they are well burnt, That the free Importation of Chunam be permitted and that We will give Orders for a sufficient number of Labourers to be employ'd in carrying on the Public Works.

Vizagapatam.

No. 16 from George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated the 7th. Instant enclosing Invoice and Bill of Loading for 16 Bales of Callicoes consign'd us on the Lisle, and advising that they have fifty Bales more at the Wash which will be ready by the end of the Month and with what brown may come in by that time they propose to dispatch to Us immediately. That Mr. Andrews at Madapollam being indisposed they have sent Mr. Maule to him, enclosing a List of six of their Military whom, for Mutinous behaviour they send up as prisoners, desiring to be supplied with more Officers as without such assistance they cannot keep up a proper discipline.

From Fort St. David.

No. 17 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant advising that they had drawn on us for two thousand and fifty two 2052, Pagodas payable to the President value recd into the Honble Company's Cash of Richard Starke Esqr.

A Lre from Colll. Scott in relation to the Bengal Detachmt.

The President lays before the Board (as entered hereafter) a Letter to him from Coll. Scott to which is annex'd a Letter to the Coll. from the Captains of Military at Bengal desiring him to apply to us that the Recruits intended for them which have been detained here out of the Europe ships may be considered as a detachment, sent from their Establishment and accounted for as such, and that the like method may be observed in future which Colll. Scott recommends to our observance and acquaints Us that three Military Officers take their passage to us on the Dragon to command them Vizt. Captain Leiut. Witherington to command the Detachment of the Train and Lieut. Bishop and Ensign Hays to be under the Orders of Captain Howes.

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The Board are of opinion that all the Recruits intended for Bengal and detained here should be (and accordingly they have always been) considered as a Detachment from thence ORDERED that a Copy of Coll[l]. Scotts Letter be sent to Major Lawrence for his perusal and opinion. to be complied with & a copy sent the Major.

The General Letter from Coll[l]. Scott N[o]. 15 hereinbefore minuted being considered the Board think it necessary to observe that in regard to Cooleys, every Method has been made use of to collect as large a number as possible and that they know of no other means to procure them than what has been constantly practised, that as to the size of Bricks, the standard has a considerable time ago been settled and they are made agreeable to a Mould which has been approved, that the want of Bricks and Chunam cannot be always guarded against and as large quantitys have been furnished for the Works as could be procured but the latter article has been scarce and the former extreamly precarious as a sudden Rain often destroys the Work of Weeks, but whether this or other motives may have occasion'd the application of the Engineers here to Coll[l]. Scott, the Board are ready at all times to comply with his reasonable Requests, as they are equally with him anxious to promote the Companys affairs in every Branch and therefore Observation on Colll. Scotts Genl. Lrẽ. Making Bricks and Importation of Chunam to be allowed to every one.

ORDERED that publick Notice be given by beat of Tom Tom that all persons whatsoever are at Liberty to make Bricks of the proper size agreeable to the standard mould in the Paymasters possession, that the free Importation of chunam is likewise allowed to all manner of persons without exception and that the Paymaster will receive and pay for all such as shall be tendered to him proper for the Companys Use. Publick Notice be given by beat of Tom Tom.

There being no particulars alledged or proved ag[t]. the six Military sent up prisoners from Vizagapatam as mention'd in the Gen[l]. Letter hereinbefore minuted, tho' the Gentlemen there may be very right in what they have done, yet as it does not sufficiently appear to this Board, it is judg'd most adviseable to release them which is ordered to be done accordingy. The Mil̃ty Prisoners sent from Vizagapatam to be released.

The Bill of Exh̃ : advised of in the Gen[l]. Letter from Fort S[t]. David read this day, for 2052 Pagodas in favour of the President being now presented ORDERED that it be accepted and paid when due. Bill from St. David to be accepted & paid

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Lieutenant Witherington had applied to him to be admitted on this Establishment alledging that Our Hoñble Masters had appointed his station on this Coast. On recourse had to their commands dated 17th. June 1748, in the 5th. Paragraph it does appear that he was appointed Captain Lieutenant and director of the Laboratory at this place, but in the next paragraph it is said that Major Mosman was permitted to Employ him at Bengal if he thought proper which he accordingly did where M[r]. Witherington has continued ever since and therefore the Board are of opinion that he should be considered as fixed on that Establishment and cannot have his Rank on this which seems likewise to be the sentiments of Colonel Scott, as he menti[ons] M[r]. Witherington as the person sent Us to command the detachment of the Bengall Train. Captn. Lieut Witherington applys to be fixed on this Establishment. not complied with.

The Petition of Lawrence Van Buytendyk read as entered hereafter setting forth his services to the Company and that having a House at Triplicane he offered the same to sale to several Gentlemen of this place for 2000 Pagodas but none caring to give that price and Sampetrow offering him 2200 Pagodas for the same he consented to sell it him but was restrain'd by a verbal Order, which tends much to his prejudice, he therefore prays the Board will consider his case and grant him Relief. Petition of Lawce. Van Buytendyk for leave to sell a house at Triplicane.

This affair having already been debated & determined in Consultation the 4th. December, the several opinions therein express'd are now confirm'd. not granted.

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Petition of Sunca Ramah for a Grant of a piece of Ground.

The petition of Sunca Vencaty Ramah read as entered hereafter setting forth that his late Father by virtue of a Grant from Govr. Collet having been possess'd of a piece of Ground in Chintadree Pettah which he cultivated and planted with Trees at a Great Expence, the same was in Govr. Pitts time taken from him without any consideration for the same and the petitioner being desirous of cultivating another piece of Ground, he prays that a spot of equal extent with that taken from his Father may be granted to him and his Heirs in Tondawoor in the district of Egmore.

Granted.

The several allegations in the said petition being known to be true AGREED that a Grant be made him on the usual terms of the piece of Ground he requests.

Captn. Kent desires an advance of Pags. 300. Granted.

Letter from Captain Henry Kent Commander of the Hoñble Companys ship Dragon requesting an advance of three Hundred Pagodas to purchase provisions &c^a. necessarys for the use of his ship, AGREED that it be advanc'd accordingly.

Captn. Hammond requests an allow^ce. for Diet.

A Letter from Captain Nathaniel Hammond Commander of the Companys sloop Cuddalore read as entered hereafter requesting an allowance for Diet as he is informed the other Commanders of the Company's Vessells have the same.

to lye on the Table.

ORDERED that the said Letter do lye on the Table.

11 Men who were prisoners at Pondicherry petition for a Bounty.

The Petition of Eleven of the Military who were prisoners at Pondichery read as entered hereafter setting forth that they are informed several of their comrades who were prisoners with them recd. a bounty of twenty Pagodas each on the Conclusion of peace and as they underwent the same hardships, they therefore pray for the like Indulgence.

Granted.

The several allegations in the said Petition being true ORDERED that they be paid the bounty of twenty Pagodas each.

Account Sale of the Companys Rice read.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an account sale of the Companys Rice, whereon there arises a profit of one thousand one hundred and twenty eight Pagodas, One fanam and sixty two Cash (1128. 1. 62).

Mr. Greenslate at St. David order'd hither.

AGREED that M^r. Greenslate a Writer at Fort S^t. David be ordered to proceed hither and that the Deputy Govr. and Council be advised thereof.

Mr. Morse applys to have an account settled of moneys he advanc'd for Beetillas which have been c^td at St. David

Nicholas Morse Esqr. having before the loss of this settlement advanc'd out of his own private Money to Mutal for Mulinga Kistna and Poonapah Companys Merchants the sum of Pagodas 1528. 31. 24 to purchase Beetillas on the Companys account, they accordingly did so and Goods to the amount of Pag^s. 967. 18. 48 were delivered into the Companys Warehouse at Fort S^t. David as appears by an account now laid before the Board, but the value as is alledg'd was never made good to M^r. Morse and he therefore now desires that this Transaction may be enquired into and settled ORDERED that a Copy of the said account be sent to Fort S^t. David and that the Gentlemen there be desired to acquaint Us whether the said Cloth was actually recd. and not accounted for with M^r. Morse on the said Mutal for Mulinga Kistnah and Ponapah.

Quarter Master of the Garrison or Commandant to give Receipts for all Military stores Issued.

There being no Quarter Master in Garrison some difficulties and doubts have arisen in regard to the Issuing of Military stores to be sent out with Detachments &c^a. as to person who ought to give Receipts for the same whereon the Military Storekeeper now applys to the Board for their direction ORDERED that for all such Military stores as are issued for the use of this Garrison, Arcot, Chingalaput &c^a. or for Detachments going out from hence, or for any other such like purposes Receits shall be given by the Quarter Master of the Garrison when there is one and when there is not, then by the Commanding

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Officer who on delivery of them for the uses for which they are intended is not to be chargeable with them any further, but the person or persons into whose Custody they are delivered is thence forth to be accountable and shall give the Quarter Master or Commandant a Receipt making him or themselves responsible for the same untill they are returned, except in case of unavoidable accidents on the Road, when a Report is to be made thereof.

Our Hoñble Masters in the 49th. paragraph of their seperate General Letter relating to the Charter having required Us, the Mayors Court and Court of Requests to acquaint them of any defects that may be observed in the Charter and what amendments may appear necessary or proper to be made ORDERED that the Secretary signify the same to the Mayors Court and Court of Requests and desire them to lay their Observations before the Board to be transmitted to England.

The Mayors Court & Court of Requests to be wrote to for their observations [on] the Charter.

ORDERED that the Coffree Women who were to be sent to the West Coast on the Prince George but detained on account of the small Pox appearing among them be now sent on the Dragon.

Coffree Women to be sent to the West Coast.

The Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper lay before the Board Indents for sundrys for the use of the Cuddalore sloop also an account of Wages and Impress for her Crew ORDERED that they be complied with and that Pags. 810. 29. 16 be advan'd the Storekeeper on that account.

Indents for the Cuddalore sloop to be compiled with & an advance made the storekr. for Impress &ca.

The following Bills are ordered to be paid Viz.

a Bill to Capt. Kent and one to Captain Hammond ordered to be paid.

To Captn. Nathaniel Hammond for dieting a Serjeant and three private Men sent from the Negrais, fifteen days thirty (30) Rupees.

To Captn. Henry Kent for dieting three Military Officers brought from Bengal in the Dragon at ten Pagodas each thirty (30) Pagodas.

A Set of Bills are now sign'd drawn on the Hoñble Court of Directors at seven shillings and eight pence ℘ Pagoda payable at 90 days sight to Mrs. Mary Wilson or Order value of Mr. Charles Bourchier on account Mr. Foss Westcott for one hundred (£ 100) pounds sterling or Pags. 260. 31 fas. 24 ca.

A set of Bills on the Directors signed.

The President lays before the Board (as entered hereafter) an account of the produce of the Mint customs for the last year ending the 31st. Ulto. compared wth. those of the preceeding Year, whereby there appears an Increase of fifty one (51) Mss. Pagodas, and four hundred and thirty three Current Pagodas, sixteen fanams and forty Cash 433. 16. 40.

Account produce of the Mint Customs for 1753 read.

The Sea and Land Customers deliver in (as entered hereafter) the accounts of the Town Conicoply's Duty for the year 1753 as severally collected by them at the Sea Gate and Choultry and pay in the next Ballances thereof Vizt.

By the Sea Customer	Pagodas.	487	3	75
By the Land Customer		52	35	1
		540	2	76

five hundred and forty Pagodas, two fanams and seventy six Cash which is to be carried to the Head of Town Duty.

Sea & Land Customers accots. produce of the Town Conicoplys Duty for 1753 read, and the money paid in.

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State of the Sea & Land Customs for 1753 compared with 1752 read.

They at the same time deliver in as entered hereafter the state of the Sea and Land Customs respectively collected by them for the last twelve Months ending the 31st. Ultimo whereby there appears an Increase of two thousand three hundred and twenty four Pagodas, sixteen fanams and twelve Cash (2324. 16. 12) and an Increase in the Land Customs one thousand one hundred and twenty nine Pagodas, nineteen Fanams and seventy one Cash (1129. 19. 71) the Causes of which are assigned at the foot of the said accounts respectively.

[M]onthly accounts read.
Mint.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master reads that account for last Month Ballance then remaining in the Mint, two thousand nine hundred and ninety one Arcot Rupees twelve annaes (2991. 12. —) and six Madrass Pagodas (the last of which are now paid into Cash) and due to the Mint two hundred and sixty three Pagodas, nine fanams and sixty Cash (263. 9. 60) which are now paid him.

[Ex]port Warehouse.

Charles Boddam Export Warehousekr. reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him one thousand and ninety Pagodas, one fanam and thirty seven Cash (1090. 1. 37) which is carried forward.

Paymaster

Charles Boddam Paymaster reads that accot. for last Month.

Charges Garrison	239	8	—
Charges Hospital	208	11	7
Peons and Servants Wages	368	28	—
Charges General	83	19	70
Charges Extraordinary	1064	23	66
Repairs	981	35	59
Fortifications	789	18	—
Poonemalee &ca. Villages	28	5	—
St. Thomé &ca. Villages	27	24	10
Expedition to Negrais	41	9	—
Allowances of the Court of Requests	12	12	—
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
	4495	14	52

Ballance due from him two thousand four hundred forty two Pagodas, eight fanams and thirty six Cash (2442. 8. 36) which is carried forward.

The particulars of the Extraordinary Expence in the Paymasters account are entered hereafter.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him three thousand six hundred and eighty seven Pagodas, eight fanams and fifty three Cash 3687. 8. 53 of which he has paid in one thousand Pagodas in the Course of the Month and now pays in the remainder being Pagodas 2687. 8. 53.

Import Warehouse.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads the account for last Month Ballance due from him three thousand six hundred and seventy five Pagodas two fanams and forty five Cash (3675. 2. 45) of which he now pays in three thousand, 3000 Pagodas.

Storekeeper

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that account for last Month, Ballance due from him one thousand and eighty one Pags. thirteen fanams and seventy nine Cash (1081. 13. 79) which is carried forward.

Land Customer.

John Smith Land Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him two hundred and forty eight Pagodas, twenty three fanams and thirty one Cash (248. 23. 31) which he now pays in.

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John Smith Military Paymaster reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him one thousand eight hundred and fifteen Pagodas, twenty five fanams & fifty one Cash (1815. 25. 51) which is carried forward.

Mility. Paymastr.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him thirty three Pagodas, nine fanams and six Cash (33. 9. 6) which is carried forward.

Mility Storekeeper.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal Parcells for the month of November.

Journal parcells

The Engineers account of Expences of Fortifications and Repairs &ca. is also laid before the Board.

Engineers accounts.

Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country pays in ten thousand 10000 Pagodas in part of six Months due on that Cowle the 1st. Istant.

Money paid in for Poonemalee Rent.

Comra Calty &ca. Buzar People pay in two hundred and seven Pagodas twenty eight fanams and forty one Cash (207. 28. 41) being the Ballance of their account for what advanc'd them in December 1751 for attending Captain Kilpatricks Expedition to Arcot.

Buzar people Ballance.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in three thousand seven hundred and eighty three Pagodas, twenty eight fanams and sixteen Cash (3783. 28. 16) for Rupees sold.

Rupees sold

Agreed that the following advances be made out of Cash.

Money advanced To the

To the Paymaster four thousand five hundred, 4500 Pagodas for sundry Disbursements.

Paymaster

To the Export Warehousekeeper on account of Redwood to be provided against the arrival of the Europe ships for China fifteen hundred, 1500 Pagods.

Export Wareho.kr.

To the Commissary, five thousand two hundred and forty three Pagodas, eight fanams and sixty one Cash 5243. 8. 61, to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

Commissary.

To the Military Paymaster three thousand five hundred and forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash 3540. 19. 37 to pay the Military.

Mility Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper, three hundred, 300 Pagodas to defray the charges of that Employ.

Mility Storekr.

To Tellisinga Chitty &ca. Merchants, ten thousand, 10000 Pagodas on account of the Companys Investment.

Tellisinga Chitty &ca. Merchants.

The Mayor and Aldermen attending agreeable to summons as by order of last Consultation and being called in the President acquainted them that the Board had considered the Complaint of Mr. Andrew Ross against Mr. Richard Fairfield both Aldermen of the Mayors Court and were of opinion a reasonable satisfaction should be made Mr. Ross for the injury his character was exposed to by the groundless Report spread by Mr. Fairfield & therefore the order of the Board was that Mr. Richard Fairfield should ask Mr. Ross's Pardon and acknowledge the Report by him spread was without just foundation and that he was sorry for it, which he accordingly did and they then withdrew.

Ross agt. Fairfield decided.

Letter from Messrs. William Perceval, Edward Edwards, Richard Fairfield and John Browning read as entered hereafter being their Reply to Mr. Isaac's answer as entered after last Consultation a copy whereof was by order sent them in a Letter from the Secretary, setting forth that Mr. Ephraim Isaac did on or about the 6th. Instant publickly asperse the character of several of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court by saying in the presence of Mr. George Dawson and Matthew Clarke that Mr. William Perceval gave Mr. Richard Fairfield and Mr. John Browning Dinners to make them stick by him or to that Effect.

Letter from Mr. Perceval &ca. explaining their Complt. agt. Mr. Isaac.

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Mr. Clarke & Mr. Dawson exam'd.

Messrs. George Dawson and Mathew Clarke being there[upon] sent for and asked whether Mr. Isaac did make such a declaration [in] their presence, they answered that he did and being asked further whether Mr. Isaac Explained what he meant by the Expressions " to stick by " and whether he applyed it to the Mayors Court, Mayor or Aldermen they answered that he did not explain his meaning.

a copy of the Lre to be sent Mr. Isaac with a Letter from ye. Secrety.

ORDERED that a Copy of the said Letter be sent to Mr. Isaac with a Letter from the Secretary requiring him to deliver in his answ[er] to the Board on Monday the 4th. February next and therein to declare the real author of the said Reflection. The Secretarys Letter is entered hereaf[ter].

Resolution on Captn Schaub's Request entd. after Consult. 24 Ulto.

Major Lawrence having been consulted in regard to Captain Schaub's Request in Letter entered after Consultation the 24th. Ulto. to be allowed whole Batta at Pondicherry and to be reimburs'd what he gave his detachment as a reward for their fidelity and being of opinion (as by his Letter of the 16th. Instant entered in Extra Occurrences the 23d.) the half Ba[tta] is sufficient, but that the Gratuity to the Men should be repaid, [the] Board are of the same sentiments.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR

THE enclosed Letter with the account of Men intended for this presidency and stop'd to recruit the Companys forces on the Coast We transmit to you at the request of the Captains of this Garrison. We hope you will find their request reasonable and grant them such relief as you shall deem meet.

As it may happen that more Recruits from Europe may arrive on the Choromandel Coast design'd for this presidency, if stopp'd there for the publick service, We desire you will please to order them under the Command of the Officers belonging to this Settlement; and therefore there are now sent on board the Dragon Captain Kent Captain Lieutenant Witherington to command the detachment of the Artillery Company here commanded by Captain Jones and Ensigns Bishop and Hayes to be under the orders of Captain Howes, as Captain Sanderson has your leave to return here.

We are SIR
Your most Humble Servts.

FORT WILLIAM
29TH. DECEMBER 1753.

ROGER DRAKE, Junr.
CAR : FRED : SCOTT.

COLONEL CAROLINE FREDERICK SCOTT ESQR.

SIR

The following Recruits destined by the Honble Company for this Settlement having been detained by the President and Council of the Choromandel Coast, We are of opinion they should always have been look'd upon as a Detachment sent from hence and accounted for as such from the time of their arrival,

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which Our Brother Officers there have hitherto neglected. We take the Liberty to address you thereon hoping if you should agree in sentiment with us that Our demand is founded on Justice you will represent the case to Roger Drake Esqr. and jointly with him apply to the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esqr. and Major Stringer Lawrence hoping they will take the above recited Case & underwritten return of the number of his Majestys British subjects destined for this Settlement, the ships they were aboard & the years they arrived, under their consideration and not only prevent our being injured in the same manner in future, but address us as to what has already past.

We are &ca.

FORT WILLIAM
20TH. NOVEMBR. 1753.

GEORGE MINCHIN.
THOS. FENWICK.
DAVID CLAYTON.

A RETURN OF HIS MAJESTY'S BRITISH SUBJECTS SENT BY THE HON̄BLE COMPANY TO RECRUIT THEIR MILITARY IN BENGAL.

Year	Ships Names	No.	
1750	Hardwick	61	112
	Duke of Dorset	51	
1751	Scarborough	70	156
	Dragon	24	
	Wager	62	
1752	Godolphin	68	
1753	Elizabeth	53	168
	Egmont	62	
	Falmouth	53	

N.B. Captn. Polliers Company is not included in the above Return.

GEORGE MINCHIN.
THOMAS FENWICK.
DAVID CLAYTON.

TO THE HON̄BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE Humble Petition of Lawrence Van Buytendyke of Madrass Inhabitant

SHEWETH

THAT your Petitioners Father having in the Year 1740 when Chunda Saheb was beseiged in Trichinopoly by the Morattas, lent him twenty five thousand Rupees and the said Chunda Saib upon his return to this province again in 1749 promising to [pay] the same and desiring your petitioner to go to him, and your petitioner accordingly preparing so to do was prevented by General Boscawen (as can be proved) by his engaging your petitioner upon Oath not to go [to] Chunda Saib, nor to acknowledge him Nabob of this province & promising to employ your petitioner as Envoy to some of the Country Powers and to give him such other satisfaction as such an Instance of his attachment to the Hon̄ble Company and their Interest merited and that would indemnify his Loss from Chunda Saib, but which promise has not in any wise been fullfill'd,

although the above was not the only Instance of your petitioners Zeal for the Hoñble Companys Welfare, for that at the Capture of this place they having a large parcel of Chints and Sannoes in it, your petitioner did save and send the same to Govr. Hind at Fort S[t]. David with much trouble and the hazard of his Life or at least his Liberty and Estate which would have become a forfeit to the French had they detected him in so doing. Your petitioner also begs leave to represent to your Honour &c[a]. that he having a house and Garden at Triplicane to dispose of did offer the same to several Gentlemen of this place for two thousand Pagodas, but none of them caring to give that price at last Sampetrow offered two thousand two hundred Pagodas, assuring your petitioner that he had obtained the Gov[r[s]]. permission to purchase the said House and Garden for him to live in and your petitioner thereupon consenting to sell him the same for that sum, was hindered by a verbal order from your Hon[[r]]. &c[a]. tending greatly to the prejudice of your petitioner, as no o[ther] person has offered him near the price for the said House and Gar[den] which Sompetrow has. All which your petitioner most humbly offer to your Honours &c[a]. mature consideration and prays such relief [of] the premises as to you shall seem meet. And your petitioner as in duty bound

SHALL EVER PRAY.

TO THE HOÑBLE THO[S]. SAUNDERS ESQ[R].

PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

THE humble petition of Sunca Vencata Ramah

SHEWETH

That your petitioners late father by virtue of a Grant from Govr. Collet dated the 11th. June 1719 having been possess'd of a pie[ce] of Ground situated in Chintadrepettah containing in length 2 [. . .] feet and in bredth 1500, he, at a very great Expence planted [it] with all sorts of fruit Trees, dug many Wells and built sun [dry] houses, the preperatives to which by levelling the Ground alone, cost upwards of 6000 Pagodas, which piece of Ground so cultivated was in Gov[r]. Pitts time taken from your Petitioners said Father without any manner of consideration for the same, as on enquiry will sufficiently be made appear to your Honour &c[a]. and your Petitioner being desirous of cultivating another spot of Ground.

He therefore most humbly prays your Honour &c[a]. Council will be favourably pleased to grant to him and his Heirs for ever subject to such acknowledgment as to your Honour &c[a]. shall seem meet, a piece or parcel of Ground of equal extent with that abovemention'd situated in Tandawoor in the District of Egmore AND your Petitioner as in duty bound SHALL EVER PRAY &c[a].

TO THE HOÑBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].

PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

The money advanced me by the Hoñble Company for the use of their ship Dragon being expended I humbly request you will be pleased to supply me with three hundred Pagodas to purchase provisions and other necessarys. I am

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

HENRY KENT.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE

28TH. JAÑRY. 1754.

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To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

It having been usual for the Masters of the Honble Companys Vessells to have an allowance made for their Diet humbly request you will please to take it into Consideration (as I have been at an Extraordinary Expence) and order me the same.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient very Humble Servant

Madrass 28th. Janry. 1754. Nathl. Hammond.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

The Humble Petitions of Eleven Men which were prisoners of War in Pondicherry after the loss of Madrass.

Sheweth

Your petitioners takes the Liberty to inform your Honour yt. We were two years and four Months prisoners of War in Pondichery and were released when the Peace came from England and sent to Fort St. David on the ninth day of Janry 1749 and hearing that Major Lawrence ordered that the sum of twenty Pagodas should be paid to all the Men that were Prisoners of War at that time, We likewise hearing that all the Men that is at Fort St. David were paid the above sum by the Reverend Mr. Palk who was Paymaster at the same time, We your humble Petitioners implores [*sic*] your Honrs. Clemency herein, that as We underwent the same hardships & the same fate as they did that recd. this Honble bounty, We likewise hope your Honour will be pleased to let us be partakers of your Generous Benefaction as well as them and your Honours Petitioners as in duty bound will for Ever pray.

John Stewart.	Nicholas Cheesman.
Benjamin Pitol.	William Manfield.
Joseph Smitton.	William Meead.
Samuel Banks.	Constantine Smith.
Thomas Plummer.	John Flood.
	Timothy Lear.

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Accounts are in the following particulars 31st. December 1753.

Peons and Servants Wages ...	—	8	—
Charges General ...	2	5	60
Charges Extraordinary ...	1064	23	66
Repairs ...	981	35	59
Fortifications ...	789	18	—
Poonemalee &ca. Villages ...	28	5	—
St. Thomé &ca. Villages ...	27	24	10
Expedition to Negrais ...	41	9	—
Allowances of the Court of Requests ...	12	12	—
Pagodas ...	2947	33	35

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ABSTRACT OF MINT CUSTOMS for the Year 1752 and 1753.

1752.	Mss. Pags.	Currt. Pags.	fa.	ca.
Janry amounted	121	—	14	15
		180	29	30
Feby.	28	—	25	45
		64	19	5
March	16	—	9	70
		65	32	—
April	29	—	26	10
		483	4	—
May	17	—	—	15
		5	34	15
July	120	1	11	30
Augt.	198	—	2	30
Sepr.	52	—	29	10
Octobr.	95	—	—	55
		50	2	10
Novr.	22	—	11	70
		12	19	35
Decr.	35	—	3	60
		8	3	5
Mss. Pags. ...	733	875	26	30
INCREAS'D in this Year	51	433	16	40
Mss. Pags. ...	784	1309	6	70

1753.	Mss. Pags.	Currt. Pags.	fa.	ca.
Janry amounted	—	6	1	5
March	10	—	6	40
		21	9	70
April	68	—	32	40
		19	18	70
May	229	1	30	5
		189	16	30
June	216	1	26	40
		414	3	75
July	19	—	8	40
		350	10	5
Augst.	11	—	14	30
Sepr.	8	—	31	55
		121	16	55
Octobr.	142	—	1	20
		93	20	55
Novr.	73	—	4	10
		72	23	45
Decr.	8	—	3	40
		14	14	60
Mss. Pags. ...	784	1309	6	70

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Dr. RICE. Cr.

Date		Particulars	Garce	Rate	Pagodas		
1753.							
May	1	To Ballance brought from last Year ..	66391¼	@ Pags. 70 ⅌ Garce	4688	16	70
		To Profit & Loss gain'd	..		1128	1	62
		Garce ..	66391¼	Pagodas ..	5816	18	52

Date		Particulars	Garce		Rate	Pagodas		
1753.								
September	30th.	By sold as ⅌ Journal	—	32	P.	7	7	16
October	30	By Ditto.	—	181¾	.	38	25	8
		By St. Helena sent thither.	—	290½	@ Pags. 85 ⅌ Garce	61	26	26
Novembr.	30	By sold as ⅌ Journal ..	2	251½		235	17	6 [2]
		By Fort Marlbro sent thither ..	3	353	@ 85 do.	330	—	3 [6]
		By Do.	10	101	@ 80 do.	820	7[16]	
December.	31	By sold as ⅌ Journal ..	11	299⅛		1041	21	—
1754								
Janry.	28	By do. to sundry persons ..	35	340⅜	meas. @ 4½ ⅌ Pagoda	3186	27	—
		By Profit and Loss ..	1	142	@ P. 70 ⅌ Garce.	94	30[48]	
		Garce ..	66	391¼	Pagodas ..	5816	18	5 [2]

Errors excepted.
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An account of the Town Conicoply's Duty collected at the Sea Gate 1753.

January	P.	12	21	30			
February		99	30	25			
March		75	32	40			
April		128	9	20			
May		93	26	20			
June		33	—	45			
July		46	6	50			
August		38	3	70			
September		26	7	5			
October		67	31	25			
November		9	32	45			
December		5	18	20			
		637	3	75			
Deduct the usual Allowances—							
To the Town Conicoply	Pags. 100						
To the Collector	50						
		150	—	—	487	3	75

Henry Powney,
Sea Customer.

An Account of Duties collected by the Town Concoply on Goods cleared by the Land Customer Anno 1753.

January	8th.	P.	1	—	25			
	15th.		1	4	22			
	19th.		—	1	10			
	31st.		1	17	70			
						3	23	47
February	7th.		—	15	50			
	13th.		—	12	70			
	20th.		—	31	50			
	28th.		1	19	20			
						3	7	30
March	6th.		—	3	60			
	13th.		1	1	60			
	20th.		—	2	21			
	27th.		1	33	47			
	31st.		—	33	24			
						4	2	52
April	7th.		—	6	60			
	10th.		—	4	17			
	17th.		1	32	22			
	30th.		2	33	45			
						5	4	64
					Carried over ...	16	2	33

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		Brought forward ...				16	2	33
May	4th.	...	—	5	18			
	15th.	...	2	8	15			
	25th.	...	1	22	18			
	31st.	...	1	9	20			
						5	8	71
June	12th.	...	1	22	55			
	22d.	...	—	29	5			
	29th.	...	1	24	45			
	30th.	...	—	1	65			
						4	6	10
July	7th.	...	—	11	40			
	11th.	...	1	10	25			
	18th.	...	1	6	65			
	24th.	...	—	21	55			
	31st.	...	1	30	7			
						5	8	32
August	7th.	...	3	—	35			
	17th.	...	3	9	53			
	25th.	...	—	10	33			
	30th.	...	1	9	48			
						7	30	9
Septembr.	7th.	...	2	7	75			
	18th.	...	3	9	49			
	29th.	...	—	15	72			
						5	33	36
October	9th.	...	—	3	37			
	19th.	...	—	12	35			
	30th.	...	—	30	65			
						1	10	57
Novembr.	13th.	...	—	12	70			
	30th.	...	1	11	15			
						1	24	5
December	14th.	...	—	20	53			
	31st.	...	4	34	15			
						5	18	68
		Pagodas ...				52	35	1

Errors Excepted.

Fort St. George
31st. Decemr.

℔ John Smith,
Land Custr.

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DIFFERENCE OF THE SEA CUSTOMS, St. Thomé included, between the year 1752 and 1753.

	Custom on Goods.						Custom on Grain.						Anchorage.					
	1752.			1753.			1752.			1753.			1752.			1753.		
	Pags.	fa.	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca.	Pags.	fa.	Ca.
January	1237	17	60	690	29	56	1087	28	68	528	27	52	32	—	—	9	—	—
February	2179	13	52	2283	34	7	1929	23	20	1958	24	28	86	—	—	69	—	—
March	5201	1	36	3073	30	12	614	22	60	546	26	68	52	—	—	35	—	—
April	4533	24	52	2784	9	—	1563	23	32	1061	14	8	59	—	—	37	—	—
May	1396	14	1	5329	30	13	279	5	44	1987	14	40	75	—	—	73	18	—
June	2815	6	22	2109	34	4	49	30	56	1126	26	16	60	18	—	103	18	—
July	1963	9	32	2058	5	60	203	21	76	308	7	60	79	18	—	63	—	
August	1535	9	54	2267	1	40	496	20	24	435	14	8	76	—	—	66	—	—
September	1111	30	20	1266	35	13	80	31	44	198	7	36	43	18	—	54	18	—
October	2052	17	24	2726	24	—	175	11	8	479	32	56	48	18	—	72	18	—
November	5480	13	22	4747	25	39	69	13	48	236	11	68	5	—	—	—	—	—
December	232	29	56	333	16	41	—	—	—	108	7	48	7	—	—	—	18	—
	29733	7	41	29672	23	45	6550	17	—	8975	35	8	624	—	—	583	18	—
DECREASE	..			60	19	76	2425	18	8	Increase			Decrease			40	18	—
	..			29733	7	41	8975	35	8	..			..			624	—	—

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				Pags.	fa.	ca.
INCREASE on Grain this year				2425	18	8
Decrease on Goods ...	60	19	76			
Do. on anchorage	40	18	—			
				101	1	76
Total Increase this year Pags.				2324	16	[12]

THE DECREASE of Pagodas 60. 19. 76 in the Custom on Goods is so inconsiderable a sum that it cannot be attributed to any particular sort, and the Decrease of Pags. 40. 18. – in the anchorage proceeds from a lesser number of Boats importing than in the foregoing Year.

HENRY POWNEY
Sea Customer.

ABSTRACT OF THE LAND CUSTOMS for the Year 1752 and 1753
Compared with each other.

1752.	Pags.					
January	814	32	62			
February	837	24	51			
March	1354	33	17			
April	518	23	63			
May	381	28	65			
June	516	7	52			
July	339	27	10			
August	296	5	—			
September	327	19	3			
October	517	35	26			
November	233	10	31			
December	390	6	8	6529	1	68
Increased this last Year ...				1129	19	71
PAGODS. ...				7658	21	59

1753.	Pags.					
January	805	19	18			
February	908	22	17			
March	727	30	63			
April	765	2	20			
May	745	28	47			
June	849	5	18			
July	964	16	—			
August	700	25	70			
September	395	33	47			
October	382	4	37			
November	164	26	11			
December	248	23	31	7658	21	59
PAGODS. ...				7658	21	59

THE INCREASE in the Customs this Year arises chiefly from the large Exportation of Manilha and Pegue Goods.

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To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Whereas We the underwritten Aldermen of the Mayors Court of Madrasspatnam did address your Honour &ca. in a Letter dated the 11th. Instant and therein lodg'd a complaint against Mr. Ephraim Isaac Inhabitant of this Town for spreading a false and scandalous Report, reflecting upon several of Us Aldermen of the said Court, which We judg'd to be a Reflection on the Court in General and tended to create parties and Jealousies in the said Court, or to make the world believe there were such already formed, which We imagin'd would cast a contempt on the Judgement and Decrees of the said Court, and whereas We have since received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Du Pre by your Honour &ca's. order dated the 21st. Instant, accompany'd with a paper sign'd Ephraim Isaac of the same date which he calls his answer and address'd to his Majesty's Justices tho' We apprehend your Honour &ca. did not sit then in that Capacity and as Mr. Isaac wants us to explain more fully the nature of the crime laid to his Charge and your Honour &ca. being of opinion Mr. Isaac should be satisfy'd therein, We now set forth the nature of his offence as follows and make no doubt of having that Justice done us which has always been the known Characterestick of your Honble Board Vizt. Mr. Ephraim Isaac did (on or about the 6th. Instant) publickly asperse the characters of several of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court by saying (in the presence of Mr. George Dawson and Matthew Clarke) that Mr. Willm. Perceval gave Mr. Richard Fairfield and Mr. John Browning Dinners to make them stick by him or to that Effect and said at the same time Mr. Franco was the author of that aspersion, but Mr. Franco having absolutely denyed (before the above three Aldermen whose conduct are arraign'd) his having said any such Words which Mr. Isaac falsely accuses him of, therefore unless Mr. Isaac shall declare the real author of the above aspersion, We must look on him to be the author himself, and hope your Honour &ca. will do Us that Justice to order Mr. Isaac to attend your Board in Consultation this day being 28th. Instant to answer to the Crime laid to his charge in the presence of Us. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Hum. Servt.

Fort St. George
28th. January 1754.

William Perceval.
Edward Edwards.
Richard Fairfield.
John Browning.

To Mr. Ephraim Isaac

Sir

I acquainted you the 21st. Instant that your Letter to the President and Council by the stile of his Majesty's Justices &ca. had been considered and that they had directed a Copy thereof to be sent to Messs. Perceval, Edwards, Fairfield and Browning that they might in their answer thereto set forth the particulars for want of which you deem'd their first complaint insufficient, they have accordingly done so in a Letter to the President and Council which was

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this day read in Consultation, A Copy whereof I have their directions to send you for your Information, and again to require that in your answer to be laid before them on Monday next the 4th. of February you discover and declare who was the real author of the Report therein mention'd. I am

Sir
Your most Obedient servant

Fort St. George
28th. Janry. 1754.

Jos: Du Pré
Secretary.

Examined
℔
John Whitehill.

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February 2d. Sailed ship Lisle, James Munro, for Fort St. David & Mocha with a General Letter to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated the 1st. Instant.

3 Received by Tappies General Letters from Fort St. David and DeveCotah both dated the 31st. Ultimo.

At a Consultation
Present

Monday the 4th.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Govr. President
Charles Boddam. John Smith.
Alexandr. Wynch. Henry Powney.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 28th. Janry. read and sign'd.

Genl. Letters read from Fort St. David.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 18 From the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated the 31st. Ulto. is in answer to ours of the 23d. acquainting Us that they are in great want of Money to answer the draughts from Camp and for their necessary disbursements & therefore they request a large supply at once, that in regard to the deficiency in the Civil and Military Stores, they have made particular enquiry and find those of the Civil are actually lost by Rust Wastage &ca. and as to the Military there is a credit given to S[tock] for old Iron which was gathered from their Remains amou[nting] to seventy Pagodas and the Lieutenant of the Train and En[gin]eer say they were decayd and thrown aside as useless in Mr. Rob[ins] time, this they hope will be sufficient to obtain our leave to write them off however they have carry'd them forward in their runn[ing...] Books. That their General Books are closing and will be sent us speedily. That no Monthly allowances have been paid to such of the Bengall Officers who have had Batta and they desire our directions whether those in Garrison are to be allowed Diet Money. That they will observe our directions in regard to Batta and request a supply of fanams for that purpose which are scarce there. That in regard to the account sortments of Vizagapatam Cloth which We directed them to endorse on two Invoices sent them they observe that they cannot find by the Books how it should be divided but send us the General Account Sortments, that they have ceased sending any more Cloth to the Wash as they cannot depend on it's being cured in time for the Durrington. That they have sent us thirty six Bales of Callicoes ℔ sloop Mary Anne, that they have accepted a Bill for 545 Pagodas drawn on them from Mr. Cooke from Tanjore and debted the presidency for the amount, that two of the Rafts sent them sometime ago are missing desiring to know who is Commissary as

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Mr. Maunsell writes them he is, but not having Our directions they still continue Mr. Palk as such on their Books that they have sealed and sent by the Mary Anne all the papers belonging to the late Mr. Byers, that they have delivered to the Nabobs Vackeel the Effects belonging to Shaik Hussains, that the Trevendeporum bound Rent, not having been paid since December 1752, they called on the Renters who alledge the Troubles in the Country as an excuse, that they had caused strict enquiry to be made and find that no more has actually been collected than what mentioned in a List they enclose whereon they desire Our Directions, That in order to satisfy the debt due by Gautakee to Sheva Gonga, they stopped twenty Rupees ℔ Month out of the pension of the former, but he complains that it lays him under great difficultys as he has a large family and therefore desire Our further Orders, that Mr. Cooke return'd there the 25th. Much indisposed.

No. 19 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated the 31st. Ulto. acquainting us that he had withdrawn the party from Pallam Cotah agreeable to our Orders of the 23d. whereupon the Enemy from Chellumbrum march'd immediately and took possession of Marrar Coil a strong Post in order to collect all the Grain in the Country which he is informed will amount to thirty thousand Pagodas, that the * Killedar has most earnestly press'd the return of the party promising not only to defray all the charges, but to give half of whatever shall be collected, that the Chief part of their Harvest will happen in ten or fifteen days and he desires Our Orders express whether or not he may assist the Killedar with a detachment which he thinks may be spared without danger that Captain Pascal set out from thence the 22d. for Camp with the detachment sent from hence and the greatest part of the stores intended for the use of Trichinopoly and the Army, That he has dispatched the Dragon sloop to Us with five hundred piles. [Deve] Cotah.

Agreed that in regard to the deficiency of Civil & Military stores at Fort St. David, the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be permitted to write them off, as it recollected that Mr. Rob[ins] did order sundry useless stores to be laid aside and the Iron Works to be employ'd for other uses. That the Diet to Bengal Officers be discontinued as there does not appear any reason why they should be entitled to it more than those on this Establishment, that as many fanams as can be procured be sent to Fort St. David by the next conveyance, and that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be advised that Mr. Maunsell acts as Commissary in camp and his Bills are to be accepted but that the head in their Books for Mr. Palk need not yet be altered, that We are of opinion twenty Rupees ℔ Month may very well be stopped out of Gautakas allowances without distressing him and We therefore would have them do so. St. David to be wrote to.

Agreed that a General Letter be sent this Evening to the Chief at Deve-Cotah, acquainting him that since he is of opinion a detachment may be spared from that Garrison to assist the Killedar of Pallam Cotah in collecting in the Grain We consent to it provided he first pay all Batta to the time of their marching and give security to defray the whole charges of the expedition, that We cannot help remarking the good Effects of withdrawing the party that was there which has induced the Killedar to offer so large a Gratuity as half of whatever shall be collected, for our assistance, that all We desire is to be reimburs'd all charges and therefore do not accept his offer. Deve Cotah wrote to.

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that on recourse had to the Books he finds it impossible (as well as the Gentlemen at St. David as mention'd in their Letter) to endorse on the Invoices sent from Vizagapatam such an account sortment as they desire the several kinds of Cloth having been mixed and that he can only account for the whole together. All Northern Cloths to be kept seperate as Invoiced.

* the Commander of a fortress, *Love's Vestiges*, Vol. II, page 281.

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Ordered that for the future all Cloth recd. from the Northern Settlements be delivered to the Wash and recd. back in seperate and distinct parcells agreeable to the manner in which they are Invoiced, that upon being sorted a regular account may be taken thereof, to be sent to the Gentlemen at those Settlements.

Storekr. to enquire [about] the Missing Raft and [report]

Ordered that the Storekeeper make enquiry whether any thing has ever been heard of any of the * Catamaram people who went from hence on the two Rafts for Fort St. David, which the Gentlemen there acquaint us are missing and report to the Board the result of his enquiry.

Court serjeants & [dub]ash to be allowed for attending the sessions [as] formerly

The two Court Serjeants and Court Dubash apply to the Board for a Gratuity formerly allowed them before the loss of this Settlement for attending the Court at the Quarter Sessions. On referring to the Paymasters Books it appears they were allowed each a Gratuity of two Pagodas and an half for every Session Ordered that the Paymaster discharge the same.

Mr. Boddam & Mr. Powney to examine Mr. Westgarth's Accot. and Report.

Mr. Westgarth Resident at Syrian, his accounts appearing extravagant Ordered that they be referr'd to Messrs. Boddam and Powney to examine and Report to the Board whether any and what articles are overcharged.

Broad Cloth put up at outcry but no bidders.

Mr. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reports that pursuant to order of Consultation the 20th. December, the Honble Company's Broad Cloth was put up to sale on the usual terms the 30th. Ulto. but that not a Bidder appeared for a single Lot.

To be try'd again [on] the 5th. March.

Agreed that it be try'd again on Tuesday the 5 of March next.

Serjeant Roses' acct. whilst at Verdachilum referr'd to Fort St. David.

The President lays before the Board an account of Thos. Rose a Serjeant now at Chettaput containing his Receipts and payments whilst he commanded at Verdachilum on account of the detachment in that fort, whereby there appears a Ballance due to him of five hundred and ten Rupees and six fanams, Ordered that a Copy of the account be sent to Fort St. David as the money for payment of the people at Verdachillum was supply'd from thence and that the Gentlemen there be directed to acquaint us whether any thing and what remains justly due thereon.

Mr. Smith pays in a Ballce. due from him to the Estate of Mr. Churchey.

Mr. John Smith lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Account Current between Richard Starke Esqr. Jointly with him and the Estate of Mr. John Churchey deceas'd whereby there appears a Ballance due to the said Estate of forty seven Pagodas eleven fanams and seventy five Cash (47. 11. 75) which he now pays into Cash Ordered that it be carried to the Credit of the said Estate.

Mr. Powney demands payment of a Ballce. due from Churchey's Estate to Mr. Goodere. Refused.

Mr. Henry Powney (who has the management of Mr. Robert Gooderes affairs) lays before the Board an account, not signed, between the said Mr. Goodere and the late Mr. Church[ey] whereby there appears a Ballance due from the latter to the former of one thousand one hundred and sixty four Pagodas four fanams and two Cash, 1164. 4. 2, which Mr. Powney now demands payment of but the Board refuse to comply with, as the said account does not appear to them sufficiently authenticated.

Gratuity given to the familys of the artificers who have died at the Negrais.

Letter from Mr. John Brohier read dated the 28th. Ulto. as entered hereafter representing to the Board that some of the artificers who were sent from hence to the Negrais and dyed there having left familys destitute of all manner of support they implore some charitable assistance in consideration of their Misfortunes, to which Letter is annex'd a List of the said deceas'd persons and Circumstances of their familys.

* A raft formed of three or four logs of wood lashed together, *Hobson Jobson*, page 173.

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The said artificers having been contrary to their inclination (which however was necessary as the service required a number of them) forced to go on this Expedition, the Board are of opinion that their distress'd familys are entitled to the Companys Bounty Agreed that twenty Pagodas be allowed for each decd Person being seventeen making together the sum of three hundred and forty Pagodas to be distributed amongst their familys in such equitable proportion as the Paymaster with the assistance of Mr. Brohier shall think reasonable.

Oxen to be bought to work the powder Mill.

Another Letter from Mr. John Brohier read as entered hereafter representing that as the powder Mill is to be work'd by cattle it will be necessary to purchase twenty Bullocks that they may be train'd in time to draw in Traces.

Ordered that the Military Storekeeper purchase the Number desired.

Letter from the Mayors Court in relation to the defects in the Charter.

Letter from the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter containing their Observations on the defects of the Charter and also in respect to some doubts that have arisen on certain clauses Agreed that a Copy of the said Letter be transmitted to Our Honble Masters for their Consideration and that We request they will be pleased to instruct Us (in Case they should not think proper to procure an amendment with respect to the administration of Justice among the natives) in what manner the Grievances of the Black Inhabitants are to be redress'd.

One from the Court of Requests on the same subject.

Letter from the Court of Requests to the Secretary read as entered hereafter referring to one dated the 6th. December last, address'd to the Board containing their Remarks on the Charter with respect to that Court, Ordered that a Copy of the said Letter and an Extract of that referr'd be sent home in the packet ꝑ Dragon and recommended to the notice of Our Honble Masters.

Europe Dispatches to be ready for the Dragon agt. Thursday.

Ordered that all the Dispatches for the Dragon be prepared against Thursday next and that she be then dispatch'd unless any thing material should arise in the conferences to make her longer detention necessary.

Letter from Mr. Ephraim Isaac read.

Letter from Mr. Ephraim Isaac dated this day directed to "the Honble "Thomas Saunders Esqr. and others his Majesty's Justices of the peace for the "Town of Madrasspatnam and the Districts thereof" read as entered hereafter purporting what he calls his answer to the complaint of Messrs. William Perceval, Richard Fairfield, Edward Edwards and John Browning (entered after the Minutes of last Consultation) a copy whereof was sent Mr. Isaac with a Letter from the Secrety requiring him to deliver in his answer this day and therein to declare his author.

Proceedings thereon.

The Board having by their Secretary repeatedly declared to Mr. Isaac that they did not take cognizance of this affair in a Judicial capacity but as President and Council, they cannot help considering the address of his answer as impertinent and evasive, and the substance of it disrespectfull in the highest degree in that he not only waves [*sic*] the point on which he was principally required to answer, but instead of attoning for the fault he has been guilty of in spreading an unjust Report he has designedly and studiously interspersed his said pretended answer with many wrongfull and injurious slights and insinuations touching the Reputation of the Complainants, particularly Mr. William Perceval to do Justice to whose Character the Board think themselves oblig'd in this place to declare for the information of Our Honble Masters, that they have always and do consider him as a good and faithfull servant to the Company and a worthy Member of society and further that the rancorous Charge convey'd in the words, "if the Senior Aldermen [*sic*] was but half as "conversant with the Law Books sent out by Our Honble Masters as he is "thought to be with Hoiles History of the four Kings" &ca. is malicious and entir[ely] without foundation.

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As the Board have already declared that their enquiry concerning this Broil have not been Judicially and do not pretend to set up any power as President and Council to compel an English subject to answer to a charge of this nature but have only used their endeavours to procure a reasonable satisfaction for the Complainants and thereby to conciliate the Differences that have arisen, which proving unsuccessfull as Mr. Isaac seems determined not to answer but in a Judiciary way they do not think it adviseable to proceed any further in this enquiry, yet as Mr. Isaac's behaviour is certainly in their opinion deserving of the highest censure and even more than censure.

Ordered that a Copy of Mr. Isaac's answer and a Copy of such part of this Minute as relates to their character, be sent to the Complainants with a summons to attend this Board on Thursday next the 7th. Instant, and that Mr. Isaac be also summon'd to attend at the same time and that in the presence of the Complainants the Secretary do then pronounce the following Censure on Mr. Isaac Vizt.

Mr. Ephraim Isaac.

Mr. Isaac to be reprimanded.

I am ordered by the President and Council to acquaint you that your persisting to address them by the stile of his Majestys Justices, after it had been signifyed to you that they did not sit in that Capacity, they consider as evasive, and impertinent, and the Contents of your Letter of the 4th. Inst. as highly disrespectfull, that as it sufficiently appears to them you did spread the Report you are charged with and that you decline declaring the author of it, they regard you in that Light, and consequently as a disturber of the peace of society which greatly tends to the prejudice of the Companys affairs, as the breaking that harmoney which ought to subsist amongst their servants, can end in nothing but confusion, that they think themselves sufficiently authorized as well by your covenants to be obedient in all things to the President and Council, as by the Orders of the Court of Directors, to send you or any one to Europe who shall be guilty of any action prejudicial to the settlement, but that the lenity with which they are desirous of Governing prevails with them at this time not to exert that power to its full extent, but should you ever fall again into the like Error you may expect to be treated with greater Rigour. That at present they shall content themselves with representing all such persons to the Honble Court of Directors, as insiduous stirrers up of strife and promoters of Discord to the great disquiet of their servants and to the Manifest prejudice of their Settlement and affairs, submitting it to their Judgement whether all such persons should not be expelled the limitts of their Charter.

Letter from Messrs. Munro, Ross & Smith, Mayor and Aldermen relating to Members absenting.

Letter from Messrs. Andrew Munro, Mayor and Andrew Ross and John Smith Aldermen of the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter representing that sundry Causes depending in the Mayors Court are entirely at a stand and cannot be decided as the Mayor is either immediately or consequentially concerned in them and cannot therefore sit as a Judge in which case the Charter directs that the Senior Alderman shall sit and he having for some time past declined giving his attendance, they therefore think themselves obliged to make this Representation to the Board.

Consideration of it deferr'd.

Ordered that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be further considered at the next Consultation.

Cash accot. read.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest twenty two thousand one hundred and thirty six current Pagodas, twenty two fanams and twenty four Cash (22136. 22. 24) and seven hundred and sixty nine (769) Madrass Pagodas, which is carried forward.

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The Treasury accounts for last Month are also read, the several Ballances being compared and found right are nine hundred and thirty thousand one hundred and nineteen Arcot Rupees, thirteen annaes and seven pice (930119. 13. 7) and eight thousand three hundred and twenty (8320) Madrass Rupees, which are carried forward. Treasury accot. read.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper paid in the 2d. Instant ten thousand Pagodas, 10000, for Rupees sold to answer the like advance ordered in Consultation the 28th. Ulto. to Tellisinga Chittee &ca. Merchants. Import Wareho. kr. pays in for Rupees sold.

The Commissary pays in five thousand, 5000, Pagodas received of Antizey Punt by order of Consultation the 28th. Ulto. to defray the Expences of a detachment sent to Abdul Vahab Cawn. Commissary pays in on accot. the Nabob. Extra Occurrens.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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The Hon~ble United Companys Cash.

Dr.				
1	To Ballance brought from last Months account.	22744	16	5
3	To Henry Powney Impo. Warehousekeeper recd of him for Rupees sold	1351	12	52
7	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd of them one Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Kelleva Chittee Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License recd of them one Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ultimo	333	12	—
10th.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him for Rupees sold	15000	—	—
14th.	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month	1000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him for Rupees sold	1621	22	30
28th.	To Rayal Pundat Renter of the Poonemalee Country recd of him in part of six Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Instt. ...	10000	—	—
—	To Town Duty, received as ₱ Consultation of this day the nett produce of the Town Conicoply's Duty collected at the Sea Gate and Choultry for the year ending 31st. Ulto. vizt. By the Sea Customer ... P. 487 3 75; By the Land Customer ... 52 35 1	540	2	76
—	To Bills of Exchange recd for one sett of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days sight at 7/8 ₱ Pagoda payable as follows 1 sett To Mrs. Mary Wilson or order value of Mr. Chas. Bourchier on account of Mr. Foss Westcott £100 or	260	31	24
	Carried over ...	53518	13	27

₱ Contra.

		Dr.		
1	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for sundry Disbursements as ₱ Consultation 31st. Ulto.	2000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military as ₱ Consultation 31st. Ulto.	4540	19	37
3	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him to defray the Expences of the Troops abroad as ₱ Consultation 31st. Ulto.	2351	12	52
9	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad as ₱ Consultation 7th. Instant	4000	—	—
—	By the Mayors Court, advanced the Mayor and Aldermen for necessary Disbursements of the Court as ₱ Consultation 7th. Instant	500	—	—
10	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. paid him in full of the Pags. 20,000 advanced by him the 26th. November last as ₱ Consultation 7th. Instt.	10000	—	—
—	By Sunca Vencata Ramah and Ambalatady Chittee advanc'd them on account of the Investment as ₱ Consultation 7th. Instt.	5000	—	—
14	By Alexander Wynch Comissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad as ₱ Consultation this day	7621	22	30
28	By Account Current London, advanced Captain Henry Kent Commander of the Company's ship Dragon to purchase provisions &ca. necessarys.	300	—	—
—	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballce. of Current Pagodas due to him on that account for last Mo.	263	9	60
—	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint December Ballance	6	—	—
	Carried over ...	36582	28	19

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	Brought forward ...	53518	13	27
28th.	To Comra Calty &ca. Buzar people, recd of them the Ballance of their account for what advanced them as ℔ Journal 31st. December 1751 for attending Captain Kilpatricks Expedition to Arcot	207	28	41
—	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master recd of him the Ballance of Madras Pagodas in that account for last Month ... ... Ma. Pags.	6	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him the Ballance of that account for last Month ...	2687	8	53
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him for Rupees sold	3783	28	16
—	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month	3000	—	—
—	To John Smith Land Customer recd of him the Ballance of that account for last Month ...	248	23	31
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him for Rupees sold	810	29	16
	Star or Current Pagods. ...	64262	23	24

	Brought forward ...	36582	28	19
28	By Alexander Wynch Commissary, advanc'd him to defray the charges of the Troops abroad as ℔ Consultation this day	5243	8	61
—	By Charles Bourchier Military storekr. advanc'd him for the charges of that Employ as ℔ Consultation this day	300	—	—
		42126	1	—
—	By Ballance carried to next Months account ...	22136	22	24
	Star or Current Pagods. ...	64262	23	24

Madrass Pagodas. ℔ Contra.

Dr.				
1	To Ballance brought from last Months account ...	763	—	—
28	To the Hon̄ble the United Companys Cash for the Mint Decemr. Ballance	6	—	—
		769	—	—

				Cr.
31	By Ballance carried to next Months account ...	769	—	—

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.

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TREASURY ACCOUNTS JANRY 1754.

ARCOT RUPEES.

Dr.

1754. Janry.				
1	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	1014969	13	7

Cr.

1754. Janry.				
3d.	By Impo. Warehousekeeper delivered him for sale ...	5000	—	—
10	By Do. Do. ...	56850	—	—
14	By Do. Do. ...	6000	—	—
28	By Do. Do. ...	14000	—	—
30	By Do. Do. ...	3000	—	—
		84850	—	—
31	By Ballance ...	930119	13	7
		1014969	13	7

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS FORT ST. GEORGE JANRY. 1754.

MADRASS RUPEES.

Dr.				Cr.	
1754. Janry.			1754. Janry.		
1	To Ballance brought forward … … …	8320 — —	31st.	By Ballance … … … … … …	8320 — —

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℘ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

CURRENT PAGOODAS.

Dr.				Cr.	
1754. Janry.			1754. Janry.		
20.	To Impo. Warehousekr. received of him … …	3000 — —	31st.	By the Honble Compys Cash paid in … …	3000 — —

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℘ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

ESTATE OF JOHN CHURCHEY in account with RICHARD STARKE and JOHN SMITH.

DR.

To an Over Charge of 5 Rupees for an European or.	1	11	30
To Ballance	47	11	75
PAGODAS ...	48	23	25

CR.

1750. SEPTR.				
30.	By Charges sending a Pattamar to Bengall Rs. 12 @ 380 ℔% Pags.	3	5	55
DECEMR.				
31	By Charges paid by him on Our Raw Silk Rs. 61. 1. 8 or	16	3	20
1751. MARCH				
31st.	By Ditto on our Cotton Rs. 102. 12 or	27	1	10
	By Boat and Cooleyhire for ship Fort St. George Rs. 9 — — or	2	13	20
	PAGODAS ...	48	23	25

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 4TH. FEBRY. 1754.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ JOHN SMITH.

— *FORT. ST GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1754* —

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As the powder Mill is to be work'd by Cattle it will be necessary to buy twenty of the best Hircary Bullocks that can be procured for its use, and as soon as possible that they may be broke to it, as they are to draw with Traces and not yok'd as they are commonly used in this Country, it will therefore take up some time to bring them to work in this manner.

I am most Respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 4TH. FEBRY. 1754.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Some of the artificers deceased at the Negrais having left Wives and Children here destitute of Maintenance, these poor people humbly crave your compassion as Objects of Charity as their Misfortunes are sustained in the Honble Company's Service.

A List of those deceas'd with what familys they have left is here annex'd, I am most respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble and most Obedient servant
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. JANUARY 1754.

LIST of the Workmen deceas'd at the NEGRAIS.

BRICKLAYERS.

Ponnen left a Daughter of 3 years of age.

Tonnapen left a Widow named Hoonamah and 3 Children the oldest 5 yrs. of age.

Kashwan left a Widow named Hoonamallee & a son of 2 yrs. of age.

Vencatachillam left his father of 70 yrs. of Age named Nellatomby.

Arnachellum left his Mother Tannjamah of about 60 Yrs. of age.

CARPENTERS.

Viragooem left a Widow named Valliamah and 3 Children the eldest 6 years old.

Condopah left a Widow with Child named Valliamah & a daughter 3 yrs. of age.

Suramoniah left a Widow named Ninomah.

Manjany left a Widow named Mootamah.

Utramalor Mootoo Tondavah } left a Widow named Mootamah.

Madoveram Irlen left a Widow named Anondamah.

Vailor Naimah left his Mother Mootamah about 60 years of Age.

SMITHS.

Chembrabacom Vellaida left a Widow named Comachy & a son of 3 years of age.

Singapermal left a Widow named Aungamah.

STONE CUTTERS.

Henapen, left his father of 60 years of age named Andiapen.

Comarah Savame, left his mother named Armditah of 45 years of age.

Moodoo Kistnah, left a Widow named Namy and 2 children the eldest 5 years of age.

BROHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received a Letter from your Secretary dated 28th. past, wrote by your order which contains the paragraph of a General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 24th. Janry. 1753 setting forth " That in framing " the late Charter they have endeavoured to obtain all such powers and autho- " rities as might best tend to the advancement of Justice, the due administra- " tion of it and the good of their settlements, but that the best concerted " undertakings however well intended, do often times fall short of their Insti- " tution and when put in practice many Errors and Defects are discovered they " therefore desire us to transmit to them from time to time particular accounts " of our proceedings and to point out to them any further alterations, Powers " and Authorities that may be necessary, or wherein the present should be " varied, that so far as their authority extends, they may assist, for rendering " the Charter as usefull and extensive for the publick Good as can be desired."

AGREEABLE to which We are of opinion that the following Remarks (as well upon such parts of the Charter as appear to Us to require an Explanation) as upon that clause which excludes the natives of this Country from all Redress by a Court of Justice in Civil Causes, will conduce to the good purposes intended.

1st. Some doubts having arisen at the last election of a Mayor whether it was agreeable to the Charter that the same person might be elected into that Office for two Years successively, some insisting upon it, that by the express words of the Charter, repeatedly set forth, the same person could not be re-elected the ensueing Year, others saying that he might. In order to prevent any future Mistakes upon this head, We are desirous that the true sense of the following paragraphs in the Charter which relate to the Election of a Mayor may be communicated.

" And that from the time of taking the said Oaths of Office and allegiance, the said Mayor shall continue in the said Office untill another person shall be duely elected and sworn into the said Office.

" To proceed for the Election of two persons out of the Aldermen of the said Town &ca.

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" The Govr. or President and Council shall chuse one of the said two " persons to be Mayor of the said Town for one year from the 20th. of December " in every Year untill another shall be duly elected and sworn into the said " Office."

" And shall continue in such office for the space of one whole year from the " 20th. of December untill another shall be duely elected and sworn."

And when a Mayor dies the Charter directs " that one of the Aldermen shall " be chosen in his room and continue in the Office for the remainder of the Year " and untill another shall be chosen.

2dly. This paragraph likewise " That if the said Mayor or any of the said " Aldermen shall remove to any of the said Co͠mpys other settlements or return " to Europe or shall otherwise be absent from the said Town, by the space of " twelve Callendar Months or shall &c^a. In every such case, the place or Office " of every such Mayor or Alderman shall be void " being variously interpreted some explaining it thus, that if an Alderman being one of the Companys servants shall remove to any other settlement his place in the Court is immediately vacuated, [*sic*] or if any Alderman shall return to Europe that then his Office becomes vacant immediately upon his departure, and others understanding it thus that in either of these Cases, a Vacancy does not happen before any Alderman has been absent twelve Months. It is therefore desired that this matter may be explained in such a manner as to prevent all ambiguity.

3dly. With regard to that Clause which excludes the Natives from commencing any suits against each other, the Words are these, " Except such suits " or actions shall be between the Indian Natives of Madrasspatnam only, in " which Case We will that the same be determined between themselves unless " both parties shall by consent submit the same to the determination of the said " Mayors Court."

We apprehend that this exclusion of the Natives from all manner of Redress, when any disputes do happen amongst them, is a very great prejudice to all the other Inhabitants in general as well as to themselves, and We have much reason to believe that those of the best Character and Credit amongst them desire to have it removed, as it gives the strongest temptation to bad Men for perpetrating great frauds and to all parties amongst them an opportunity to do Justice to each other since they know now, that they may act in these Respects with Impunity, their being excluded from the benefit of applying to the Mayors Court will probably be a discouragement to their settling in this place, and consequently a prejudice to the Interest of the Companys Settlements.

The constructions which has hitherto been put upon this Clause has reach'd only to an exclusion of the Mahometans and Pagans against each other as it was believed that this was the true intention of the Charter, but the definition of Indian natives may nevertheless, at all times, be liable to unanswerable contests and disputes, as it may often be very difficult, if not impossible to prove whether many persons, who may apply to us for Justice are or not are natives, since much the greatest part of those who are vulgarly called Portugueze and Armenians &c^a. are Natives of this Country as much as the Mahometans and Pagans; and as persons of these last professions do some times become Christians, yet nevertheless natives, an Incongruity will arise thereupon which cannot be reconciled in any manner consistent with the abovemention'd Construction, which has already been put upon this Clause, Further, The Express Words of this paragraph exclude the Indian Natives of Madrasspatnam only and makes no mention of those living in the subordinate settlements, altho' we apprehend that the latter are intended to be excluded as well as the former.

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The Liberty given to any two Indian Natives to apply to the Mayors Court, by mutual consent can be of very little or no service, as that party who may think the issue of a suit in any degree precarious, will never run the Risque of a tryal, for these Reasons, We offer it as our opinion that no persons of whatever denomination, profession, or Country, living under the protection of the Company should be denied the liberty of applying to publick Justice in any Case wherein they find themselves aggrieved.

4thly. With regard to such other Clauses in this new Charter as differ from or were not at all mentioned, in the former, This Court has not as yet been long enough, reestablished to give us sufficient Opportunitys of judging, to what degree they may prove beneficial or detremental to the good purposes express'd in the Charter, and in the abovemention'd Letter, To wit, a strict and equal Destribution and advancement of Justice, the due administration thereof and the Good of these settlemts. We therefore think it most prudent to reserve our opinions upon these Heads 'till further experience enables us to Judge of the Effects, which such Regulations may produce.

We are with great regard

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servant

Sign'd By Order of the Mayors Court

Danl. Morse,

Regr.

Fort St. George

Febry. 4th. 1754.

To Mr. Secretary Dupré

Sir

The Commissioners have recd your Letter dated 28th. Instant, and having perus'd, and Considered the same with that part of his Majestys Charter and the Companys Instructions relating to the Court of Requests, there is nothing further occurs at present which in their opinion requires an alteration than what they have wrote in their Letter to the Govr. and Council dated the 6th. December 1753, but in case any thing happens in the Course of their future proceedings they will represent it to them.

Sign'd by Order of the Commissioners.

George Stratton,

Clerk.

Fort St. George

30th. Janry. 1754.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

and others his Majestys Justices of the peace

for the Town of Madrasspatm and the Districts thereof.

The Answer of Ephraim Isaac of Madrass Merchant to a paper they call a Complaint exhibited against him, and directed To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. &ca. Council, by Messrs. William Perceval, Richard Faifield, [*sic*] Edward Edwards and John Browning Aldermen of the same place.

The said Ephraim Isaac saving to himself all advantage of Exception to the said Vague and uncertain complaint and of not being prejudiced, by any words or want of form in this his answer Saith that he is very sorry these Gentlemen Aldermen should have ever taken it into their heads to trouble your

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Honour &c^a^. with so puerile and u[n]meaning a Complaint, alledging that a false and scandalous Report was spread about Town, by Ephraim Isaac, with a view to cast Contempt on the Mayors Court, or to reflect on the Judgements and Decrees thereof, or any authority whatsoever, which I solemnly protest never entered into my head notwithstanding what might have past at my Table, and I appeal to their own Witnesses Messrs. Dawson and Clarke whether there were any thing said at my house, of the Mayors Court, the Mayor or any of the Aldermen or any person whatsoever in Office as to my having spread this false Report, it is these Gentlemen themselves that have spread it, and not me, they being the real propagators of it by making so hideous a Clamour about nothing and with submission to your Honour &c^a^. the propagators of every scandal, are always deem'd as criminal as the Inventors, now these Gentlemen themselves are not only the propagators but Inventors, and seeing these Gentlemen Aldermen make such a Clutter about ones innocent table-talk, I must take the Liberty to enquire what it is for. Why! say they, M^r^. Isaac has said that M^r^. William Perceval gave Messrs. Richard Fairfield and John Browning Dinners to stick by him or to that Effect, but these Words as they convey no distinct meaning so it does not appear to what purposes, these two Aldermen were to stick by M^r^. Perceval, whether they mean to stick by him in his diversions in Town or in his Recreations and parties of pleasure at S^t^. Thomas's Mount, or any where else; it does not appear, so that this sticking by him being a vague ambiguous term, what is there to be made of it? Let these Gentlemen torture it into what meaning they please, and indeed M^r^. Ephraim Isaac cannot help thinking that if these Gentlemen especially the senior Alderman, was but half as conversant with the Law Books sent out by his Hon̄ble Masters as he is thought to be with Hoiles History of the four Kings &c^a^., He would not have troubled your Honour &c^a^. on so futile an occasion, He would then know and be convinced, that the Law of England does not take Cognizance of such idle sing song stories, and that words of more meaning & harder digestion are not inditable [*sic*] nor in any degree culpable by the Laws of England. These Gentlemen at least some of them, it seems are very touchy, but they ought to consider that they are not to go in this manner to hunt after faults and scandal as some may possibly stick upon them. 'Tis the saying of a very great Man, that when one is conscious of his own Crimes and Infirmities, he is Jealous of every approach towards a discovery, and often makes one by it.

As to these Gentlemen Aldermen their Judgements or apprehensions with Respect to the Capacity, your Honour &c^a^. may be pleased to sit in this affair, they are of weight or signification their opinion is equal to a Cypher, it only serves to shew how much they know of the Charter and the Laws of their Country as well with Respect to this as to other matters: for my own part I should by no means decline having your Honour &c^a^. (in any Capacity) for my Judges, but though I should be entirely satisfied in that respect myself, yet as that may not be the Case with others in time to come I cannot think of drawing any precedent or doing any thing that may be any ways lessen the security of the subject; THEREFORE I hope your Honour &c^a^. will not compel me to give an answer, to any Questions but in that Capacity, which is best known and most agreeable to the laws of England. These Gentlemen from an opinion of their own self sufficiency and superior knowledge, may imagine that I am ignorant to such a degree as to be brought to say whatever words they may be pleased to dictate to me, to the prejudice of any person but I can assure them they will find themselves mistaken. A pettifogging Lawyer in England is not suffered to instruct or direct a Witness, and shall these Gentlemen Aldermen have the assurance to require your Honour &c^a^. to compell me to give Evidence again[st] any person whatever? such strange Behaviour being unusual & unheard of in an English Government.

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It would be impertinence in me to take up a Moment more of your Honour &ca. precious time in Refutation of so Childish a Complaint, and I have only gone so far, in complyance with the Duty I owe to your Honour &ca. Commands.

FORT ST. GEORGE. EPHRAIM ISAAC.

4TH. FEBRY. 1754.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

IT is with the utmost Concern, that We the under written who are now the only acting Judges that remain in the Mayors Court do find ourselves under a necessity of remonstrating in this manner upon the delay of Justice, which the suitors of that Court have met with for some time past. Nothing, but the Duty which We owe to the solemn Oaths which We have taken for a faithfull discharge of the Trust reposed in us, joined to Our Duty to the Honble East India Company, for the due administration of that publick Justice which has been so lately reestablish'd could draw from us a declaration by which We must unavoidably (tho' most unwillingly) glance some Reflections upon four of the Judges of this Court who have lately absented from their attendance upon it, for reasons best known to themselves, which We really have not Rhetorick enough to account for. The bare mention of the Behaviour of these Gentlemen would have been in Our own opinions, a Matter altogether foreign to Us, were it not that it is entirely owing to the absence of one of them, Mr. Willm. Perceval, as he is the senior Aldermen, that the delay of publick Justice which We complain of, (and for which We are sincerely sorry) has at all happened, for as to the other three Aldermen Mr. Edward Edwards, Mr. Richard Fairfield and Mr. John Browning, We do not imagine that the proceedings of the Court would have stood still for a moment upon account of their absence.

His Majesty's Royal Charter expressly declares " that the Mayor or the senior Alderman shall be one of the Judges present in the hearing of all Causes in the Mayors Court, but that in every action or suit in the Court of which, the Mayor or any of the Aldermen shall be any ways interested, no such Mayor or Alderman is to sit or act as a Judge in such action or suit."

1ST. Upon the 4th. September Andrew Munro (then one of the Aldermen & at this time Mayor) Attorney for George Mackay, commenc'd a suit against Marcar Petrus and some proceedings were had thereupon.

2d. The 6th. Novr. The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. Attorney for Jacob Van Ieeva and the said Andrew Munro Attorney for George Mackay, commenced a suit against Muckartoom Mirza and some proceedings were likewise had thereupon.

3d. The 4th. December Mr. Salamon Franco, commenced a suit against Norton Nicholls upon account of a part of the salvage of the ship Arcot lost near Manilla in Anno 1749.

4TH. The 24th. December The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. commenc'd a suit as well upon his own behalf, as on the behalf of Nicholas Morse Esqr. Charles Floyer Esqr. and several other Gentlemen concerned in the salvage of the said ship Arcot against the said Norton Nicholls.

5TH. The 29th. Janry. Henry Powney and John Smith Esqrs. offered a petition concerning the Estate of the deceas'd Captain Jacob's.

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And on the same day Charles Bourchier Esqr. offered a petition concerning some part of the Estate of the late William Bewes who was Supra Cargo of the said ship Arcot when she was lost. 6.

Now in each of these suits and Petitions, Andrew Munro, the present Mayor, is either a party or has an Interest which renders him incapable of sitting as a Judge upon any of them, and as the Senior Aldermen has been absent from the Court since the 8th. Jañry inclusive, no manner of proceedings could be had upon either of the abovemention'd suits for these last four Weeks, nor could the abovemention'd petitions be at all received the many bad consequences of which are but too self evident to require much Explanation, however, We will just mention, that We humbly conceive a Denyal, or a delay of publick Justice to be a very great infringement upon the Rights of the subject and contrary both to the common and the Statute Laws and does therefore furnish matter of much grievance, to all the parties who are any ways interested in the abovemention'd suits and petitions.

And besides, We are apprehensive, that this delay of Justice may prove a great Reproach upon the publick Judicatures which are establish'd here for the good of these Settlemts. that it will prove directly repugnant to the advancement of Justice and the due administration thereof (the purposes for which the Hoñble Court of Directors do expressly say, that his Majesty's Royal Charter has been obtained) and may, not only bring a severe Reflection upon us (who are the only Judges in the Court during the time that this delay of Justice has subsisted) as well with the Court of Directors at home, as with very many here but likewise, that it will particularly bring a Reflection upon the authority of the Mayors Court and upon the Judgements there[of].

As it is therefore the proper business of the Court not to refuse nor to delay Justice as it is Our indispensible duty who remains in it, to take care that this may not happen through Our Neglect or Indifference and that We have bound Ourselves to do this duty, without fear, favour or affection, We do desire, that to this Duty alone and to no other Cause the publick application may be imputed. From a lenity towards these four Gentlemen, who absent themselves from the Court, We have not mention'd in the Minutes thereof, the reason why the abovemention'd suits are delay'd for which We run the risque of being censured; and We declare in a very serious manner that nothing would have been more distant from our thoughts, than the taking any manner of notice of their conduct, if this Remonstrance could be made intelligible, without mentioning it, But since that is morally impossible, and since We have already delay'd too long, to desire Relief for a Grievance which is not in Our power to redress We perswade ourselves, that We will stand excused in the Eyes of all the World, and that your Honour &ca. will entirely vindicate us; for applying to that authority with which you are invested; in order to procure such a Relief, as will free Publick Justice, a [*sic*] will save the several partys who are thus aggrieved and our Reputation from suffering any further Injury. We have the Honour to be with great Regard

FORT S^T. GEORGE. HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 4TH. FEBRY. 1754. Your most Obedient and most Hum̃. Servts.

A. MUNRO,
Mayor.

ANDREW ROSS,
Alderman.

JOHN SMITH,
Alderman.

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4TH. Sent by Tappies General Letter to DeveCotah dated this day.

5TH. Arrived Snow Recovery, John Sullivan, from Batavia & Malacca.

6TH. Sloop Mary Anne, Assem Cundou, from Fort St. David.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 7TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THE Book of Standing Orders lying upon the Table.

THE Minutes of last Consultation dated the 4th. Instant read and signed.

Messrs, Perceval &ca. Complainants & Mr. Isaac called in.

Mr. Isaac reprimanded

Messrs. William Perceval, Edward Edwards, Richd. Fairfield, John Browning and Ephraim Isaac attending agreeable to summons, and being called in, the Secretary agreeable to Order of last Consultation read to Mr. Isaac the censure the Board have thought proper to pass on him as entered in the Minutes of that day. The President then represented to him the ill consequences of raising Reports tending to the prejudice of any ones good name and character than which nothing in life is more valuable and concluded with assuring him that upon any future complaint of this kind justly founded, he should certainly be sent to Europe, he then withdrew.

Letter of Messs. Munro &ca. read at last Consultation reconsidered

Messrs. Perceval &ca. desired to attend the Mayors Court.

The Letter from Messrs. Andrew Munro, Ross and Smith read at last Consultation and then Ordered to lye on the Table for further consideration having been previously debated the Board were of opinion that as the reason which induced Messrs. Perceval, Edwards, Fairfield and Browning to absent themselves from the Mayors Court was that they thought their Characters as Aldermen reflected on the censure of Mr. Isaac and the sentiments of the Board signify'd to them in the Extract of the Minutes of last Consultation would be satisfactory and not doubting but they would in future attend to the Business of the Court and the duty of their stations, the President recommended it strongly to them, Mr. William Perceval then delivered a Letter to the President and then with the other Aldermen withdrew.

Mr. Perceval delivers a Letter desiring to resign.

And the said Letter being read as entered hereafter, contains his Request to resign his seat as an Alderman and Judge of the Mayors Court.

Recourse being thereupon had to the Charter, it appears that in Case any Person chosen into the Office of an Alderman shall refuse or neglect to accept of the said office the Mayors Court with the approbation of the President and Council may impose a reasonable Fine, and it is also provided that upon reasonable Cause and a Complaint in Writing the President and Council may remove any of the Aldermen, but with respect to Resignations the Charter is quite silent the Board are therefore of opinion that as no power is expressly lodged in them to admit of such Resignation they cannot take upon them to give their consent for such a step, which the Secretary is directed to signify to Mr. Perceval.

The Board cannot interfere.

Willm. Wallin serjt. desires to be admitted on the Invalid List. Granted.

The petition of Serjeant William Wallin, read as entered hereafter, setting forth that he hath had the Misfortune to be dangerously wounded in fourteen places in the Companys service and prays to be enrolled in the invalid List. The allegations in the said petition being true ORDER'D that he be admitted on the Invalid List accordingly.

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The following Dispatches are now sign'd vizt. Dispatches ℔ Dragon sign'd.

General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors. General Letter to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort Marlbró.

Sailing Orders to Captain Henry Kent.

All dated this day and to go by the Hoñble Companys ship Dragon.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers pay in six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fanams (666. 24. –) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo. Beetle & Tobacco Rent p[d].

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence pay in three hundred and thirty three Pagodas, twelve fanams (333. 12. –) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ultimo. Arrack & Wine rent paid in.

THO[S]. SAUNDERS.
CHA[S]. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
A[R]. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CH[S]. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HOÑBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

As you have been pleased to quit me of the aspersions thrown on me by M[r]. Ephraim Isaac, I hope you also approve of my conduct during my being in the office of Mayor of this Town of Madrasspatnam, in which I endeavoured to give the greatest satisfaction to you and the Inhabitants in general, In order therefore to prevent any Calumnies being thrown on me, and the worthy Aldermen of the Mayor's Court in future I beg I may be permitted to resign my Seat as an Aldermen and Judge of that Court, in complyance with which you will greatly oblige.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Hum. Servt.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
7TH. FEBRY. 1754.

TO THE HOÑBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
GOV[R]. & PRESIDENT &C[A]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

The Humble Petition of Willm. Wallin Serjeant.

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH

THAT Your Petitioner having had the Misfortune to be wounded in fourteen places very dangerously in both Head and Body in the Hoñble Companys service at the Camp near Tritchenopoly, so most humbly begs that your Honour will be so good as to take it into consideration, as to have him enrolled in the Invalid List as he is uncapable of doing any Duty.

AND Your petitioner in duty bound shall for EVER PRAY.

In the evening arrived the Hoñble Companys Sloop Dragon Vellabou Syrang from DevéCotah. 7TH.

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7TH. Arrived Brigantine St. George, Belfille from Bengal.

9TH. Sailed the Honble Companys ship Dragon, Captn. Henry Kent for the West Coast and England with packetts for our Honble Masters and the Gentlemen at Marlbró.

— Sailed Snow Neptune Andrew Karr for Pegue, with Duplicate of a General Letter to Mr. Brooke dated 24th. Janry.

— Sailed sloop London, Henry Karr for Bengall, with Duplicates of the General Letters to the President and Council & Coll. Scott dated 24th. Janry.

— Sailed sloop Mary Anne, Assam Cundou for Fort St. David & DeveCotah.

10TH. Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Instt.

11TH. Arrived sloop George, Thomas Reason, from Bandarmalanka with General Letter from Mr. John Andrews Resident at Madapollam dated 26th. Ulto.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 11TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 7th. Instant read and signed.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Smith reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters recd from Fort St. David.

No. 20 General Letter from the Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort St. David dated the 7th. Instant acquainting Us that their Books being closed a Copy shall be shortly sent Us & that they now transmit the Account Current for an Explanation to our accountant. That by the Lisle they recd. our Letter and the Lack of Rupees which is already expended in the large Drafts from Major Lawrence and their own necessary Disbursements and therefore they desire another supply as Mr. Maunsell writes from Camp, that he has drawn for as much as will clear all Expences to the 15th. Instant, that by the Betsey Schooner which sailed from thence the 6th. they consign'd us fifty Bales of Callicoes and are now loading the Salangore enclosing Consultations & Monthly accounts for Decr. Cloth on hand 543 Bales.

Bandarmalanka.

No. 21 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 26th. Ultimo advising that he had consign'd us by the George sloop two hundred and fifty Bales on the Honble Companys account, that the large quantity of Brown Cloth on hand is owing to the want of stones to Wash with is the reason the sloop does not bring the whole quantity which shall be sent on her return.

A Lack of Rups. to be sent to St. David ℔ Dragon & the Genlletr wrote to.

The Gentlemen at Fort St. David being in immediate want of a supply of Cash ORDERED that a Lack of Rupees be sent them on the Companys sloop Dragon, and two thousand Pagodas worth of fanams as they have mention'd scarcity of that Coin, that by the same conveyance the sundry stores they have indented for be also sent, and that the Gentlemen there be acquainted their large Demands have so considerable sunk our Treasure that no further advances must be made to their Merchants without previously acquainting Us.

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ORDERED that the Bales from Maddapollam ℔ George be landed, sorted and reimbaled in readiness against the Durringtons arrival. Maddapollam Bales to be landed sorted &ca.

Mr. Andrews observing in his Letter that his Cloth could not be all cured in time for want of Washing stones which are not procurable there ORDERED that one hundred be sent him from hence as soon as they can be procured. Washing stones to be sent Mr. Andrews.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in nine thousand four hundred and five Pagodas, fourteen fanams and forty eight Cash (9405. 14. 48) for Rupees sold. Money paid in for Rups. sold.

Linga Chitty &ca. Farmers of St. Thomé pay in three thousand 3000, Pagodas which with one thousand Pagodas (1000) AGREED in Consultation the 10th. December to be allowed them for Damages sustained by the incursions of the Enemy, is in full for one Years Rent due the 1st. December last. St. Thomé Rent paid in.

Linga Chittee and Gruapah Farmers of the Companys Old Garden pay in two hundred and fifty (250) Pagodas for one Years Rent on that Cowle due the 1st. December last. Comp: old Garden Rent paid in.

AGREED that eleven thousand four hundred and five Pagodas, fourteen fanams and forty eight Cash (11405. 14. 48) be advanc'd the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad. Comissary advanc'd.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

In the evening arrived the Honble Companys ship Durrington, Captain Richard Drake from Bengal with General Letters from the President and Council there dated the 17th. Janry. also from Mr. Thomas Coale on despatching the ship from Ingalie dated 25th. Janry. Genl. Letter from Messrs. Pigou, Hadley and Fitzhugh dated 10th. Novr. 1753 and a Letter from Mr. Frederick Pigou dated the same day. 11TH.

Arrived ship Betsey Edward Roach, from Bengal. —

Sent by Tappies General Letter to DeveCotah dated this day. —

Sailed ship Norwood Thomas Swaine, for Bengal. 12.

Arrived Snow Don Carlos, Herbert Sutherland, from Ingeram with General Letters from the Resident there dated 16th. & 28th. Janry. and 1st. February. —

Sailed Brigantine St. George, Belfille from Pondicherry & Galé. 13TH.

Sailed snow Charming Polly, George Ivie, for Vizagapatam . —

Do. the Honble Companys sloop Dragon, Vellabou, for Fort St. David with Genl. Letter for the Gentlemen there dated yesterday. —

Arrived Schooner Charles, Carné Ballo, syrang from Ingeram with a General Letter dated the 2d. Instant. —

Arrived schooner Fanny alias Betsey, Vencatpty from Fort St. David with a General Letter dated 6th. Instant. 14.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 14TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Genl. Letters read from

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 11th. Instant read and sign'd General Letters read Vizt.

Bengal.

No. 22 from the President and Council of Bengal dated the 17th. Jañry. enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading for sundry consign'd to us and to Europe, and advising that Captain Drake judging the Charter party salt petre an insufficient dead weight, requested nine hundred Baggs more on half Freight which they have loaded reserving the liberty of turning it into whole Freight, which they leave to Us in case We should be short of Bales that they have also laden on the Durrington the St. Helena stores, that as they have a large Ballance of Woolen Goods in Warehouse which they do not expect to dispose of before the arrival of next years shipping, they desire We will dispose of half the quantity consign'd them, or if that should be impracticable, detain it in Our Godowns, as the arrival of a large quantity there will hurt the sale. That the Copy of this ships Charter party having been sent to Bombay and the Gentlemen there having omitted to return it, is the reason they have not enclosed it to Us, that they desire to be informed whether We propose to relieve the Egmont from hence, or chuse that they shall do it that they have by this ship in part complyed with our Indent for packing stuff &ca.

From Indialee

No. 23 from Mr. Thomas Coales off Indialee dated 25th. Jañry. enclosing the usual papers on dispatching the Durrington from thence & advising her Draught of Water.

From Messrs. Pigou &ca. Supra Cargos at Canton.

No. 24 from Messrs. Frederick Pigou, Henry Hadley and Thomas Fitzhugh Supra Cargos at Canton dated the 10th. November advising the Receipt of Our Letter of the 2d. and 16th. July and that all the Companys ships were safely arrived, enclosing a price current.

from Mr. Pigou at Canton.

No. 25 from Mr. Frederick Pigou Supracargo at Canton dated the 10th. Novembr. advising the receipt of Our Letter of the 3d. June in relation to two Cases of Broad Cloth by ship Rhoda which were consign'd here but omitted to be invoiced and so carried to China, and acquainting Us that he had sold the same and Invested the produce in Tea for the Companys account enclosing an account sale.

from Ingeram.

No. 26, 27, 28 and 29 from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram. The FIRST dated the 16th. Jañry. (being a Duplicate the original whereof is not yet received) acknowledging the receipt of Our Letters of the 11th. and 24th. December and acquainting Us, that as soon as the Military were inform'd of Our orders to pay them no more Batta, all the Europeans petition'd for their Discharge, their time being out and that he proposed to send them hither with his Bales unless they chang'd their minds. That the French are collecting all their Force at Metchlepatam which he cannot account for unless the news which prevails of Mr. Bussey's being cut off be true. That the french Resident at Yanam on Receipt of a Letter immediately got into his Pallanqueen and went to Metchelepatam, telling the people to secure their persons and Effects for that the Moors were coming to destroy the Town, upon which they all fled. That a party of Moors Horse and Foot is expected dayly but their Design is not known, that the Nabob is going to take up his quarters in the Elore Country, that the

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Rajah is at Peddipore and has entered into a strict allyance with the Nabob, to oppose the French in their unjust pretension. The second is dated the 28th. Jañry. and advises that he has laden and consigned to us on the Don Carlos Snow, two hundred Bales of Callicoes and that he has sent by the same vessell some damag'd stores, that he has discharg'd a Matross and one of the Military upon their Request their time being expired. That the Nabob having press'd him for assistance offering to put him in possession of the Fort of Rajahmundrum he wrote to Vizagapatam for some men and the Gentlemen there have sent him on the Porto Bello sloop the Detachment intended for the Negrais on which he wrote to the Nabob acquainting him of their arrival, but that as yet he recd. no answer. That the French have sent a party of Men to intercept a Reinforcement that are coming to the Nabob from Golcondah. That the Report of Mr. De Bussy's being cut off still prevails, and that the Resident at Yanam is expected there in a few days. The third is dated the 1st. Instt. advising the receipt of Our Letter of the 12th. Ulto. with the stores ℘ Charles Schooner and that he has forwarded the Letters to the Nabob and Rajah, that he will observe Our Orders for his Behaviour towards them both, but thinks it will avail but little with the latter, who seems firmly attach'd to the French, and now obeys them implicitly & as the Saneds they lately obtained from Salabat Jing were procured at his instigation 'tis not to be doubted but that he will endeavour to support them and throw off the Mask as soon as he finds We cannot assist him with the supplys he desired. That the reports of the Nabobs intended operations are so various that no Judgement can be formed of them. Requesting we will supply him with four three pounder and four nine pounder Guns, those he has being so bad as to make it dangerous to fire them also some shott and two Chests of small arms, those now in use being very old. The fourth is dated the 2d. Instant and only covers Duplicates.

from Fort St. David.

No. 30 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated the 6th. Instant advising that they have consign'd Us on the Betsey schooner fifty Bales of Callicoes.

Vizagapatam to be wrote to.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, that We highly disapprove of their sending the Porto Bello sloop with the party intended for the Negrais, to Ingeram to be detach'd to take possession of Rajahmundrum that they might be very sensible nothing but an absolute necessity could have induced us to spare any Men from hence for the Negrais, considering the pressing Demand We have for them here, that altho' a discretional power must be lodg'd in them and every Chief of a settlement to act on emergent occasions without waiting for particular Orders, yet as they were under no absolute necessity to comply with the Nabobs request We cannot help thinking they have stretch'd beyond the proper limits of their authority in totally changing a dispositon We had made, especially as they could not know what were Our full motives, that immediately on Receipt of these Orders, We would have the detachment recalled and dispatch'd with the Porto Bello to the Negrais.

Broad Cloth ℘ Rhoda to be wrote off to Accot. Current London.

Mr. Pigou at Canton having (as appears by his Letter) sold the two Cases of Cloth consign'd to Us ℘ Rhoda 1752 but carried by Mistake to China, and invested the produce in Tea for Europe, Ordered that the amount of the said Cloth be wrote off to Account Current London.

The Cuddalore to be sent to Devecotah for Mr. Hopkins.

As Mr. Hopkins at DeveCotah may be at a loss for a speedy conveyance hither Agreed that the Cuddalore sloop be sent thither to fetch him that she touch in her way at Fort St. David to land the remainder of the stores &ca. the Gentlemen there indented for, which the Dragon could not take in and in her return from DeveCotah with Mr. Hopkins call again at Fort St. David for Bales and proceed hither and the Secretary is Ordered to write to Mr. Hopkins this evening to acquaint him of this Resolution.

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Ingeram Bales to be resorted.

ORDERED that the Ingeram Bales be sorted and reimbaled as expediously [*sic*] as possible to be shipp'd on the Durrington.

Order relating to the old arrears of Rent.

The Report of Messr. Smith and Bourchier in regard to the arrears of Rent before the loss of this Settlement, which was read in Consultation 14th. Ulto. and the consideration thereof then deferrd being now again read, and also the Declarations of the said Farmers, the Board are of opinion that as there is no possibility at present of obtaining a certain knowledge whether what they alledge is true or not they should be put upon their oath and if they will respectively swear in the most solemn manner usual amongst their Casts, that then they be allowed, what they will so swear to, otherwise that they be obliged to pay the whole that appears due.

Durrington to be survey'd &ca.

ORDERED that the sundrys consign'd to this presidency ℔ Durrington be landed with all possible dispatch, that the ship be survey'd in the usual manner and if upon Report she shall appear to be in a proper condition to receive her Cargo for Europe that the Warehousekeeper do then send Bales on board, the Commander being first served with the usual order and caution against fire.

Small arms to be sent Mr. Westcott

AGREED the small arms Mr. Westcott has wrote for be sent him but not the Guns.

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HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

14TH. Sent by Tappies Letter from the Secretary to DeveCotah dated this day.

16. Sailed the Honble Companys sloop Cuddalore Nathaniel Hammond for Fort St. David and DeveCotah with General Letters to the Gentlemen at both those Settlemts. dated yesterday.

17. Arrived ship Genjaver, Coja Petrus, from Bengal.

—. Dispatch'd Pattamars to Bombay, Tellecherry and Anjengo with General Letters to the Gentlemen at those Settlements dated this day.

18. Arrived Snow Harthop, John Hariot, from Vizagapatam with General Letters dated 21 and 31 Ulto.

— Sailed ship Betsey, Edward Roach for the Malabar Coast.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 18TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 14th. Instant read and signed.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no Cause of Complaint.

General Letters from Vizagapatam.

No. 31 and No. 32 General Letters from George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam read, the first (being a Duplicate the original whereof is not yet received) dated the 21st. Ultimo advising that Mr. Westcott at Ingeram having repeatedly press'd for a Reinforcement of Men to assist the Nabob whose affairs were in so bad a situation that without it he would not only be

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unable to face his Enemys but would probably lose the few friends he had, they had therefore sent the Porto Bello with the detachment intended for the Negrais to Ingeram, judging that the bare landing of the Men there would have a good Effect, that they added a few of their Train to the party under the Command of Lieutenant Seaton, The second dated the 31st. Ulto. advising that they consign Us on the Hartup snow sixty seven Bales of White Cloth. That as Messrs. Westcott and Andrews lye nearer the Nabob, Rajah and French, they can best advise Us of the country affairs. That there are but small hopes of bringing about a Reconciliation between the Nabob & Rajah, that the Rajah's Braminey at Casimcota lately wrote to them for the second Kisty Money to which they answered that they should talk with his Master about it. That Narrain Dieu passing that way sent to acquaint them he was going to take care of the Country about Chickacul & made offers of his service to the Company upon which they sent to invite him in but he declining it they sent him a present amounting to Pagodas 145. 23. That their Washers having made use of some Godowns and a Choultry at Walteer ever since the April storm in 1752 which being offered to sale for 600 Rupees, they think it very cheap and desire Our permission to buy them as they are very comodious, that they also send Us by this ship a few pieces of Chints which were made before the receipt of our Letter of 24th. Decr. which they think rather better than the others, and say their painters are now painting some upon a finer sort of *percaulas, that they expect the Nabobs family in a few days and as their Garrison is small they propose to entertain about 50 Gun peons for a few Months, inclosing Indent for Ordnance & Military stores.

In regard to the Porto Bello sloop an answer is Resolved in last Consultation on Receipt of a Letter from Mr. Westcott, as to the other parts of the foregoing Letters Agreed that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam be acquainted that We approve of their present to Narrain Dieu, that We consent to their purchasing the Godowns and Choultry that they may enlist the 50 Gun peons and that their Indents shall be complied with as far as We are able. **Vizagapatam to be wrote to.**

Ordered that the Vizagapatam Bales be landed from the Hartup, sorted and reimbaled to be shipp'd on the Durrington. **Vizagapatam Bales to be landed, Sorted &ca. for the Durrington.**

Messrs. Boddam and Powney to whom Mr. Westgarths accounts were referr'd for Examination now deliver in their Report as entered hereafter, whereby there appears to be many irregularities and upon the whole the charges seem exorbitant Agreed that it be an article in the instructions of the Chief of the Negrais to examine very strictly in these accounts, and if he should detect any fraud or over charge in them to demand the amount of Mr. Westgarth and on his Refusal to send him over hither. **Report of Mr. Westgarths accounts deliver'd in.**

Tho' no immediate fraud can be detected here in Mr. Westgarths accounts yet as the Board are well convinc'd he has not acted with that Economy and regard to the Companys Interest which he ought Agreed that he be dismiss'd from the Employ of Resident at Syrian and that Mr. Thomas Taylor who was first sent on the Expedition to the Negrais and has behaved well be appointed to succeed him & that instead of charging his Expences he be allowed fifty Pagods. ₩ Month to defray them. **Mr. Westgarth dismiss'd. Mr. Thomas Taylor appointed to succeed Mr. Westgarth.**

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court by Order of the Court read as entered hereafter representing that Mr. William Perceval the senior Alderman having absented himself from the Court since the 3d. Ulto. many causes have been put a stop to for the last seven sessions of the said Court, the Mayor being interested therein and desiring the interposition of the Board. **Letter from the Mayors Court complaining of Mr. Percevals absence.**

* Spangled cloth, like the modern *phulkari*, *Love's Vestiges*, Volume I, page 20.

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Mr. Perceval's seat as an Alderman declared vacant.

Tho' the Board were of opinion in Consultation the 7th. Instant that they had no power to grant any Alderman of the Mayors Court leave to resign, yet in the present case the Letter now read being a formal complaint against an Alderman of that Court is cognizable by the President and Council by virtues of an express clause in the Charter AND as it is certify'd to them that the business of the said Court is obstructed by Mr. Percevals non attendance who in his Letter to the Board dated the 7th. Instant requested leave to resign his seat thereby to " prevent any Calumnies being thrown on him and the worthy Aldermen of the Mayors Court in future ". The Board judging this a sufficient cause of dismission do therefore declare the seat of the said Mr. William Perceval as one of the Aldermen of the said Court absolutely vacant, and the Secretary is ordered to signify the same to him.

Mr. Roberts chosen an Alderman.

The Board then proceeded to fill up the said Vacancy in the Mayors Court and Mr. William Roberts of this place Merchant being proposed is unanimously elected and chosen to be an Alderman of the said Court.

to attend next Consultation.

ORDERED that the Secretary signify the same to him and require his attendance on the Board on Monday next the 25th. Instant to take the Oaths prescribed.

Durringtons Charter party expires the 11th March.

Letter from Captn. Richard Drake of ship Durrington read as entered hereafter signifying that the said ships Charter party expires the 11th. of next Month.

To be dispatched before that time or agreemt. to be made with Captain Drake to detain her.

ORDERED that all possible diligence be used in compleating that ships Tonnage that she may be dispatch'd before the Expiration of her Charterparty and in Case contrary to expectation any thing should happen to prevent it that it be then proposed to Captain Drake to enter into an agreement to detain his ship on her Charter party terms as much longer as may be necessary.

Lieutt. Cudmore desires to go to Bengal to get his Rank confirm'd. not granted.

Letter from Mr. John Cudmore read as entered hereafter representing that he is informed Lieutenant Godwin has lost his Rank in the service at Bengal, which Establishment he belongs to by being continually on duty here, that he (Cudmore) is apprehensive he may suffer in the same manner, and therefore desires leave to go to Bengal to have his Rank confirmed, that he finds it difficult to subsist on his bare pay since his Diet Money has been stopp'd &ca.

Bengal to be wrote to about the rank of their officers on this coast.

AGREED that in the next General Letter to Bengal it be represented that We think it a hardship on the Officers belonging to that Establishment to be superseeded since they are equally serving the Company whether here or there and that We request they may not be prejudiced in their Rank. As this will probably secure to Mr. Cudmore his Rank as effectually as if he returned, the Board do not think proper to comply with his Request.

Lieut. Merryman of the Artillery applys for a promotion in the Military.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieutt. Merryman had applyed to him to succeed to the next vacancy of a Captain in the Military which by his Rank in the Artillery, he thinks himself entitled to agreeable to the Military Regulations. As our Hoñble Masters have been wrote to on this Subject by the Chesterfield AGREED that Mr. Merryman be acquainted We shall wait their orders.

Letter from Balleu's Exes in relation to his house & Bond.

Letter from Mr. Dupleix and Father Sebastian Executors to Mr. Peter Balleu deceas'd desiring to know whether there is any objection to their selling the House which the decd possess'd in this Town, desiring also to be informed of our intentions in regard to the payment of the Bond for 5000 Pagodas & Interest due from the Company to the said deceased.

answer.

AGREED that an answer be return'd to the said Letter, that We have wrote to the Company about Mr. Balleu's House and must wait their directions and in regard to the Bond that We propose to discharge it after the arrival of the ships from Europe.

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A Representation being made on behalf of Benjamin Tilson who served the Company near twenty years in their shipping and last in the Train of Artillery from which he was lately dischargd and is now by sickness rendered incapable of Duty or of getting his living AGREED that he be admitted on the pension List. **Benjamin Tilson admitted a pensioner.**

Representations having been made by Cicilia Christian to the Justices, that sundry Effects had been stolen from her in the Black Town by persons unknown to the amo[t]. of 175 Pagodas, requesting that the pollygar may be obliged to make good to her the value thereof. As the Pollygar holds his Cowle from the President and Council, the same is now perused whereby it appears that certain Dutys are assign'd him to be paid by the Black Inhabitants and that he is answerable for stolen goods only from whom he receives Dutys and as the complainant is not of that number the Board do not think the pollygar accountable. **Request that the Polligar may pay for sundrys lost in the black Town.** **He is not to be accountable in this Case.**

The Import Warehousekeeper represents that the 5th. of March next, being the day fixed on for the sale of the Companys Broad Cloth, happens to be a great feast day amongst the Black People, AGREED that the sale be deferr'd untill the 8th. day of March and that notice be given according[y]. **Broad Cloth to be sold the 8th. instead of the 5th March.**

A Set of Bills of Exchange dated this day are now sign'd drawn on the Hon̄ble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven shillings and eight pence ℘ Pagoda for twenty one pounds sterling £. 21, or Pagodas fifty four twenty eight fanams and thirteen Cash (54. 24 [*sic*]. 13) payable at 90 days sight to M[r]. John Campbell or Order value of M[r]. Charles Turner on account of Capt̄n. Charles Campbell. **a sett of Bills sign'd.**

A Remittance to Camp being necessary and there not being Pagodas sufficient in the Chest, the President offers to lend, without Interest fifteen thousand (15000) Pag[s]. which the Board accept and the same is now advanc'd the Commissary for that purpose. **President lends the Company for a remittance to Camp.**

The Secretary pays in ninety (90) Pagodas for three Months Rent of three Confiscated Houses (Viz[t]. two in Choultry Gate Street and one in Charles Street) due the 31st. December last at ten pagodas ℘ Month each. **Rent of the Confiscated Houses pd. in.**

THO[S]. SAUNDERS.
CHA[S]. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
A[R]. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA[S]. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON̄BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

In Complyance to your Commands we now lay before you the following Remarks made by Us on M[r]. Westgarths accounts transmitted from Pegue Viz[t].

His seperate Cash Account *d̃d* formerly for this Month, differs from Journal Acco[t]. sent since Viz[t]. **1753 JANUARY.**

In the former he debts himself ...	Ticals	4740	—	—
In the latter		5490	9	7
In the former he credits himself for y[e]. M[o]. disbursem[ts]. only ...		2458	8	—
In the latter		2820	4	4

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Sundry Disbursemts. in Octobr. Novr. and Decr. In his Journal Accot. Cash dated this month amotg. to * Ticals 8797. 5. to form a Ballance after the fire happened, wants an Explanation as to particulars and also how those Charges (arising before that accident) come to be taken out of Cash in January.

10,000 Arcot Rupees supposed to arrive ℘ Neptune in Novr. as she sailed from Madrass 29th. October, How the Disbursements for that Month, Novr. and Decr. proceed, that they are deducted from it.

FEBRUARY 190 Arcot Rups. charged in his Journal as lost in the fire, after the Cash is said to be settled in the proceeding Month.

He Charges himself only for Cash recd. ℘ Neptune, tho' he credits himself, for stores issued out which were included in the Invoice ℘ said Vessell.

MAY. Sundries sent to the Negrais amotg. to Ticals 287. 5, no accot. of particurs.

JUNE. An Article of presents this Month Ticals 753 said to be given to the King from Govr. Saunder's orders to him for hoisting colours at Syrian in the years 1751 and 2.

JULY. Sundrys sent to the Negrais the particulars not specified 585—8.

AUGUST. Charges on Porto Bello sloop this Month amotg. to Ticals 742. 5. 12 ℘ sundrys to the Negrais Ticalls 1844. 5. no particulars of either.

SEPTEMBR. Sundrys to the Negrais Ticals 83, Particulars wanting.

OCTOBER. Sundrys to the Negrais and freĩt amounting to Ticalls 2974. 3. 5 no account of, tho' we are informed ℘ private hands, about one half ye. above charge is freight alone, which appears to be upwards the value of the Goods.

House Expences and servants Wages charg'd on an average at 130 pagodas ℘ Mensem, too extravagant a sum We think for one in his station.

Charges Extraordinary Travelling in particular, Cooley hire, Boats freight &ca. must be left to the person who succeeds Mr. Hunter at the Negrais to examine strictly into those articles, as we at this Distance cant be supposed proper Judges of the usual allowances and charges in that Country.

ON the whole, in our Judgement his accots. are irregular, perplex'd and contradictory which must proceed from Ignorance or something worse.

We are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hum. Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
18TH. FEBRY. 1754.

CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Mr. William Perceval the senior Alderman having absented himself from the Mayors Court ever since the 3d. Ulto., whereby many causes have been put a stop to for the last seven sessions of the said Court, The Mayor having been concern'd therein, I am directed by the Mayor and the rest of the Aldermen to

* This is a word which has long been in use by foreign traders to Burma, for the quasi-standard weight of (uncoined) current silver, and is still in general use in B. Burma as applied to that value, *Hobson Johson*, page 918.

acquaint your Honour &c^a^. thereof and to request your Interposition in an affair of so weighty a consequence to an open Court of Justice by applying the remedy directed in his Majesty's Charter. I am with respect

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum. Servt.
Danl. Morse
Reg^r^.

To the Hon~ble~ Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. of Madrass &c^a^. Council.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

I now take the Liberty to advise you that the Durrington's Charterparty expires the eleventh of March next. I am

14th. February 1754.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servant
Richard Drake.

To the Hon~ble~ Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon~ble~ Sir

As I have by several Letters from Tritchinopoly confirm'd accounts that Lieu^t^. Godwin has lost entirely his rank in the service at Bengal, by being on continual Duty here on the Coast, the fear of suffering in the same manner, as I have like that Gentleman been appointed here to that Establishment, lays me under a necessity of requesting your Liberty to go to the Bay, that I may get my Rank confirm'd. I labour under a very great hardship on the Coast as by the Misfortune which happened to me I am deprived of the advantage other Officers have of being in the field, and at the same time Diet Money formerly allowed us being stopp'd makes it very difficult for me to subsist on my bare pay at so dear a time. I submit my Case to your consideration and am with the greatest Respect

Hon~ble~ Sir
Your most Obedient Hum~. Servt.
I. Cudmore.

Sir

Being obliged as Executors to the Will of the Deceas'd M^r^. Peter Baillieu to collect his Estate and give an account to whom it may belong, We beg Sir that you will let us know if there is any objection to our selling at Madrass the House which the deceas'd possess'd in the White Town.

We sent the Reverend Father Severin sometime ago the Extract of the Will of the said M^r^. Peter Baillieu, The power which appoint's Us his joint Executors with a Letter of Attorney authorising the said Rev^d^. Father to receive

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the sum of five thousand Pagodas principal which the Deceas'd lent the Company with Interest, as specified in the Receipt given him by Mr. Morse. We beg Sir that you will acquaint us with your Intentions in this Respect and that you will believe Us to be with perfect Respect.

SIR

Your most Obedient Hum̃. Servts.

THE MQUISS. DUPLEIX
Mathon Preaching Missiony.
F. SEBASTIEN
Capuchin Missiony.

19TH. Rec̃d. by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 15th. Instt.

— Sign'd General Letters to Vizagapatam, Ingeram & Madapollm dated this day.

20. Sign'd & sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David to countermand the proceeding of the Cuddalore sloop to DeveCotah, also Genl. Letter to Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah agreeable to Resolution in Extraordinary Occurrences this day.

21ST. Rec̃d by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 13th. Jañry.

— Sailed sloop George, Thomas Reason, for Bandarmalanka.

23. Rec̃d General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 3d. Instant.

24. Rec̃d. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 21st. Instt.

— Sailed Schooner Fanny, Vencapetty syrang for Bandarmalka.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 25TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

THE Minutes of last Consultation dated the 18th. Instant, read and signed.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Boddam reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no cause of complaint.

General Letters read from Deve Cotah.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 33 from Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah dated the 15th. Instant advising that agreeable to Our permission to assist the Killidar of Pallam-Cotah he sent a detachment the 9th. Instant under the Command of Mr. Flaction, who is now beseiging Manar Coil a strongport the Enemy took possession of with a Body of 400 Men and there are great hopes they must be obliged in a day or two to surrender as they are distress'd for Water, provision & firewood. That he has a grateful sense of the favour We have done him in appointing him to the Management of affairs at the Negrais but that as his age and a very bad state of Health render him unequal to such an undertaking he begs to be excused and continued at * DeveCotah That he shall send us by the first opportunity the Musters of Cloth he has rec̃d from the Chially Merchants specifying the places they are made at, their length's breadths &ca. by which We may

* Vide Extra Occurrences 20th Instant.

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judge of the advantage accruing to Our Honble Masters by an Investment of one thousand Bales ℔ annum certain, tho' he is promised fifteen hundred if he is supply'd with cash enclosing his Monthly accounts.

No. 34 from the President and Council of Bombay dated 13th. Janry acknowledging the Receipt of our Letters of the 11th. Septr. and 3d. October and enclosing nine Bills of Exchange on different persons for seventy five thousand (75000) Arcot Rupees which they desire We will receive and send to the Gentlemen at Bengal by the first opportunity advising that Our Honble Masters ship Dodington sailed from thence to Europe the 3d. December, and the Salisbury was dispatched the 23d. following to fill up on the Coast and that the Tavistock was shortly to be dispatched. That the Ensigns of State We wrote for shall be sent by first Conveyance. from Bombay.

No. 35 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter of the 12th. Ulto. and assuring Us of a punctual Observance of our Instructions, that he has always assured the Country Government We were determined, to support Our Rights in those parts and shew ourselves their Friends and the Men We intend him by the return of his Vessel will be a strongr. Conviction than any arguments he can use, especially as the Nabob is going to Vizagapatam and Viziaramrauze waiting to escort the French to Rajamundrum which gives them the possession of the whole Country. from Bandarmalanka.

No. 36 from the Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant acknowledging Ours of the 12th. and 15th. and advising that they have landed the Treasure and stores from Dragon and Cuddalore sloops and are loading the former with Bales. That the fanams We sent are sufficient for the present but they request two thousand Pagodas worth more with the next supply of Money and what can be spared of Copper Cash of which they are in great want. That they have remitted ten thousand Pagodas to Major Lawrence which leaves them a Ballance of no more than 14225 Pagodas, out of which 2500 Pagodas are due to Irshippa Chitty and 1500 Pagodas to Paupa Rauze, who request an immediate advance without which they declare they cannot bring in Cloth, wherefore they request We will supply them with a further sum to enable them to carry on their Investment, that the deficiency in the Civil and Military stores have been wrote off agreeable to Our permission and they will pay strict obedience to Our Orders on that head in future that they enclose a copy of their Warehouse Journal Entry for the * Bittillas delivered in there by Ponnapah Anno 1749 which agrees with the sum charg'd in Mr. Mosses account. That they have examined Serjeant Roses account and find it very just and they believe the Ballance is due to him. That Mr. Greenslate took his passage for Fort St. George the 16th. Instant & has been paid his salary to the 25th. September and Diet for last Month. That they shall send us by the Cuddalore whatever Books are there belonging to the Presidency. That Captain Saunderson set out a few days ago for this place. from Fort St. David.

AGREED that fifty thousand Rupees be remitted to Fort St. David by Bills as soon as they can be procured, that a further supply of fanams be also sent to St. David, but as Copper Cash are equally scarce here as there, that the Gentlemen be acquainted We cannot comply with their Request at present. 50000 Rups. to be remitted to St. David by Bills & fanams to be sent but no Cash.

As the Gentlemen at Fort St. David advise that Serjeant Roses account is right ORDERED that the Ballce. be paid him. Serjt. Roses acct. to be paid.

ORDERED that the remittances from Bombay be received and the amount forwarded to Bengal by the first safe Conveyance. remittances from Bbay to be sent to Bengal.

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* the name of a kind of muslin, *Hobson Jobson.*

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Lre from the Mayor's Court abt. a deposite accot. the Estate Edwd. Jacob's. [*sic*].

Letter from the Mayors Court read as entered hereafter setting forth that the sum one thousand three hundred and twenty one Pagodas twenty six fanams & seven Cash having been formerly deposited in the Companys Cash on account of the Estate of Captain Edward Jacobs and application being now made to the said Court in relation thereto they request that the said sum may be paid to the Mayors Court that it may be remitted back into the Hoñble Compy's Cash in the name of the Accountant General.

Complied with.

On recourse had to the Cash accounts & Consultations it appears that on the 6th. day of Novr. 1749 the said sum was deposited in the Companys Cash by Mr. Thomas Cooke on account of a Ballance due from him to the Estate of Captain Edward Jacobs ORDERED that it be paid to the Mayors Court and received back in the name of the Accountant General agreeable to the above recited Letter as a Deposit on account of the Estate of Captain Edward Jacobs deceas'd.

Letter from Father Severini desiring an Extract of Petrus Will may be sent home. Granted.

Letter from the Reverend Father Severini read as entered hereafter enclosing an Extract of the Will of Coja Petrus Uscan deced. whereby he gave the Chappel and Ground at Viparee to the said Father Severini for a prayer Chappel, requesting that the said Extract may be transmitted and recommended to the consideration of Our Hoñble Masters ORDERED that a Copy of the said Letter and Extract be sent in the packet by the Durrington.

Arrears of Rent before the loss of this Settlemt. to be paid to the 18th. August & accot. delivered upon Oath.

The Secretary acquaints the Board that agreeable to order of Consultation the 14th. Instant he had called upon the several Farmers who were in arrear at the time this settlement was lost to deliver in their accounts upon Oath and pay in the Ballances, and that several of them acknowledge to be indebted but from the reasons offered in their declaration as entered after Consultation the 14th. Jañry hope for some Indulgence in consideration of their losses. The said reasons appearing in General very frivilous [*sic*] it is ORDERED that such of the Farmers as alledge they have already paid in part or in full deliver in their accounts upon Oath and pay the Ballance and in Default of such Oath that they pay in full to the 18th. August, the day the French Fleet appeared in the Offing and that all those who do not pretend to have paid any thing but plead for Indulgence be also obliged to pay in full to the 18th. August.

Mr. Robins's accot. with the Compy to be entered hereafter.

An account Current between the Company and the late Mr. Robbins being now laid before the Board whereby there appears a Ballance due from the latter of one hundred and forty Pagodas, ten fanams and twelve Cash (140. 10. 12) Ordered that it be entered after the Minutes of this Consultation for the Perusal of our Hoñble Masters.

Durrington's Dispatches to be ready by the 9th. of March.

As the Bales from Fort St. David will probably arrive here in a very few days ORDERED that the dispatches for the Durrington be ready against the 9th. day of next Month, by which time unless any unforseen accident should happen they may be loaded.

Mr. Wm. Roberts sworn into the office of Alderman.

Mr. William Roberts who was appointed last Consultation one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court, attending agreeable to summons is called in and the Oaths of allegiance and Office administred to him pursuant to the directions in the Charter ORDERED that due notice thereof be given to the Mayors Court.

Monthly accots. read of the Mint.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master reads that account for last Month Ballance then remains in the Mint three thousand and eighty eight Rupees one annae (3088. 1) and twenty two (22) Madrass Pagodas (the last of which is now paid into Cash) and due to the Mint forty five Current Pagodas, fourteen fanams and fifty five Cash (45. 14. 55) which are paid him.

Export Warehouse.

Charles Boddam Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him three thousand four hundred and thirteen Pagodas two fanams and seventy four Cash (3413. 2. 74) of which he now pays in fifteen hundred Pagodas in part.

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Charles Boddam Paymaster reads that account for last Month Viz[t]. Paymaster.

Charges Garrison ... ... £.	219	19	30
Charges Hospital	197	15	52
Peons and Servants Wages	405	4	—
Charges General	86	16	17
Charges Extraordinary	302	21	26
Repairs	953	34	24
Fortifications	609	33	22
Poonemalee &c[a]. Villages	24	14	4
S[t]. Thome &c[a]. Villages	25	—	36
Allowances of the Court of Requests	34	12	—
Charges Cattle	66	24	—
Charges Diet	583	12	—
	3508	26	51

Ballance due from him nine hundred and thirty three Pagodas, seventeen fanams and sixty five Cash (933. 17. 65) which is carried forward.

The particulars in the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Account are entered hereafter.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him eleven hundred and five Pagodas twenty three fanams (1105. 23) which is carried forward. Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him, four thousand two hundred and eighty eight Pagodas, seventeen fanams and seventeen Cash, 4288. 17. 17, which is carried forward. Impo. Wareho. k[r].

Alexander Wynch Military Storekeeper read that account for last Month Ballance due from him three thousand five hundred and seventy two Pagodas, five fan[s]. and forty nine Cash (3572. 5. 49) of which he now pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas in part. Storekeeper.

John Smith Land Customer reads that acco[t]. for last Month Ballance due from him four hundred & twenty nine Pagodas, thirty fanams and Eight Cash (429. 30. 8) which he now pays in. Land Custr.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that acco[t]. for last Month Ballance due from him two thousand and ninety four Pagodas, twenty three fanams and fifty Cash (2094. 23. 50) which is carried forward. Military Paym[r].

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him one hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twelve fanams and thirty six Cash (166. 12. 36) which is carried forward. Military storek[r].

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal parcells for the Month of December. Journal parcells.

The Commissary lays before the Board his accounts to the end of last Month. Commissarys acct[s].

The Engineers account of Expences of Fortifications and Repairs for last Month is also laid before the Board. Engineers accot[s].

The sum of fifty two Pagodas and four fanams are now paid into Cash for so much salary due to the Rev[d]. M[r]. Colefax at the time of his decease and is entered in the account salary of that time as paid for which said sum Account Current London is to be credited as being paid in part of the said Mr. Colefax's Bond to the Company for fifty pounds advanced him by them in England payable here. Money paid in on accot. of Mr. Colefax's Bond.

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The Reverend Mr. Stavely pays his Bond.

The Secretary pays in for the Reverend Mr. Saml. Stavely one hundred and thirty Pagodas, fifteen fanams & fifty two Cash, being in full at the Exchange of seven shillings and eight pence ꝑ Pagoda for his Bond payable here for fifty pounds advanced him by the Company in England.

Import Wareho. kr. pays in on his running accot.

Mr. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running account.

advances to the Paymaster.

Agreed that the following advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Paymaster four thousand five hundred, (4500) Pagodas for sundry Disbursements.

Military Paymr. & Military Storekr.

To the Military Paymaster three thousand five hundred & forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (3540. 19. 37) to pay the Military.

To the Military Storekeeper seven hundred, 700, Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

5 setts of Bills sign'd.

Five setts of Bills of Exchange of this date are now sign'd drawn on the Court of Directors at their stated Exchange payable at ninety days sight as follows.

	£.	s.	d.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
1 To John Starke Esqr. or order value of Richard Starke Esqr. ...	28	—	9	73	5	6
1 To Sambrooke Freeman Esqr. or order value of Mr. Thomas Cooke.	100	—	—	260	31	24
1 To John Thornton Esqr. or order value of Mr. Charles Bourchier on accot. of Mr. Samuel Banks ...	72	2	10	188	7	3
1 To Mr. John Turner or order value of Mr. Charles Turner	128	9	2	335	3	73
1 To Mr. Henry Smith or order value of Mr. Josias Dupré	59	5	4	154	22	—
5 setts. £.	387	18	1	1011	33	36

Three hundred and eighty seven Pounds eighteen shillings and one penny, for which one thousand and eleven Pagodas, thirty three fanams and twenty six Cash is this day recd. into the Honble Companys Cash.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Ab. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

ACCOUNT CURRENT OF THE HONBLE COMPANY WITH BENJAMIN ROBINS ESQR.

DR.

Date	Particulars			
1750. Novr.	To Instruments supplied the Honble Company for the use of Engineers £. 23. 11 @ 7. 8 (s. d.) ₱ Pag.	60	12	40
	To Mr. Robins Extraordinary Expences in July, August, Septr., October and Novr. for Pallankeen Boys, Pallankeen hire and Roundel Boy.	49	18	—
	To his Expences in a Journey to Madrass & back again	15	—	—
	To 8 Coats uniforms	160	—	—
25th.	To Mr. Barkers surveying Expences to November.	23	—	—
1751. Janry. 27.	To Mr. Knaptons surveying Expences at Deve-Cotta	27	17	—
—	To a plain Table and chain paid to the said Knapton	16	—	—
April 30.	To Mr. Barkers surveying Expences from 1st. Decr. 1750 to 30th. April 1751	85	16	—
—	To Do. Do. on account of	15	—	—
Febry. 6th. April 30	To Mr. Robins Expences to, at and from Bengal	275	22	—
May 31	To a gratuity paid the french armourer for his diligence	20	—	—
July 29	To Mr. Robins Extraordinary Expences as Pallanqueen Boys Pallanqueen hire & Roundel Boy from 1st. Decr. 1750 till Ulto. July 1751 @ 11 Pags. ₱ Mensem	77	—	—
	Carried over ...	824	13	40

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Date	Particulars	£	s	d				
1750. Novr.	By Cash recd by Mr. Robins for 5 Months subsistance till the 30th. Novr. at £. 30 ₱ Mensem				£. 150 — —			
	By Mr. Robins note for Instruments & materials for drawing Vizt.							
	18 Doz. of Brushes and Colours ...	2	16	6				
	Pencils ...	—	12	—				
	2 Gunners Quadrants	4	4	—				
	2 pr. of Cylendire compasses ...	2	12	6				
	2 setts of Magnatic Barrs	—	10	6				
	2 Mint Boxes ...	2	10	—				
	A large Brass standard Diagonal Rule ...	1	10	—				
	A large Drawing Board ...	2	2	—				
	3 pr. of scales and weights	6	13	6				
					23 11 @ 7/8 (s. d.) ₱ Pags.	452	26	48
					173 11 @ 7/8			
	By Mr. Robins's note of Extraordinary Expences from July till Ulto. Novemr. as Pallanqueen hire, Boys & Roundel boy.				P. 49 18 —			
	Expences in a Journey to Madrass & back again				15 — —			
	Carried over ...					452	26	48

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DR.

Date	Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	Brought forward ...	824	13	40
	To his minial [*sic*] servants as Dubash Cook &ca. a P. 6½ ₰ Mo. 12½ Mos.	81	9	—
AUGT. —	To Cash paid Mr. Brohier for Dieting Mr. Robins family	48	3	—
—	To Mr. Robins funeral Expences by order of Consultation	163	24	—
—	To his salary at 30 £. ₰ Mensem from 1st. July 1750 to Ulto. July 1751 is 13 Months £. 360 @ s. d. 7. 8 ₰ Pagoda	1017	14	6
		2134	27	46
	Ballace due by Mr. Robins	140	10	12
	PAGODAS ...	2275	1	58

CR.

Date	Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	Brought forward ...				452	26	48
	Mr. Barkers surveying Expences in the same Mo. as ₰ part ...	23	—	—			
1751.	The Uniforms	160	—	—			
					247	18	—
FEBRY.	By Cash recd by Mr. Robins for his subsistance for the Months of Decemr. Janry. Febry. & March @ £. 30 ₰ Mo. ...	313	2	10			
	By his Extraordinary Expences during the same Mo's.	200	—	—			
					513	2	10
MARCH	By Cash paid Mr. Jno. Brohier on account of Benjn. Robins for his subsn.				50	—	—
APRIL	By Do. Do. Do.				100	—	—
MAY	By Do. recd by Mr. Robins for his subsistance ...				150	—	—
JUNE	By Do. do. Do. Do.				450	—	—
JULY	By Do. paid Mr. Brohier on account of Mr. Robins for his Subsistnce.				100	—	—
AUGUST	By Do. paid Do. . . . for Dietng Mr. Robin's Family				48	3	—
—	By Cash paid Mr. Empson for the funeral Charges of Mr. Robins				163	24	—
	PAGODAS ...				2275	1	58

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

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To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Henry Powney and John Smith Esqr. (attorneys for Richard Starke & Corns. Goodwin) having this day presented a petition to the Mayors Court, setting forth that they are informed there is the sum of Pagods. 1321. 26. 7 fa. ca. deposited in the Companys Cash belonging to the Estate of Captain Edward Jacobs deceas'd and praying the said Court to desire payment of the above-mention'd sum in Order that their demands on the said Estate might be discharg'd. In consequence of which I am directed by the Mayor and Aldermen to request your Honour &ca. would pay the said sum of Pagodas 1321. 26. 7 to the Mayors Court that it may be remitted into the Honble Company's Cash in the regular method, by the hands of the Accomptant General and to remain under that head till such time as the rest of the Creditors (if any be) deliver in their respective Claims. I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Danl. Morse,
Regr.

Fort St. George
Febry. 22D. 1754.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg leave to lay before your Honours the hereunto annex'd abstract of some paragraphs of the last Will and Testament of Petrus Uscan decd. translated from the Armenian Original which I beg Your Honours will be pleased to transmit to the Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company in England and humbly pray Your Honours recommendation thereof to the most serious consideration of that Court and I hope that this and the petition your Honours have already sent in the month of Febry 1753 will procure me the restitution of the Chappel and burying place with all what belongs thereunto built and erected at Viparee by Petrus Uscan deceas'd for a perpetual service of his soul, because I have reason to believe that their Honours were not rightly informed of the fundamental constitution of that place and that when their Honours come to be better informed thereof they then will not (contrary to the Laws of England) deprive any Men of his right and property especially when it is not for the use of the Honble Company. I am with the greatest respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Honours most Obedient &
most Humble Servant
Fr. Severino [of] Sauoya Cap. M.

The Translation of an abstract of some Paragraphs of the Deceased Petrus Uscawns Testament from the Armenian Language.

After I expire let my body be buried in the Chappel N. Sra. de Milagres which I got erected at Viparee.

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Let 1500 Pagodas be placed in the hands of the Superior Padre Severine to finish the remainder work of the Chappel N.S^ra^. de Milagres (which I begun) and ornamenting the same.

The Superior P^e^. Severini had bought a Ground distant from Madrass upon which I got the chappel erected, & for which chappel let 1500 Pagodas more be placed in the hands of the said Superior to let them at Interest & with the Interest thereof a dayly Mass to say for my soul.

I gave Vipary and its Ground to P^e^. Severini to be his prayer Chappel & no person on my part shall have power to govern them & the said Padree being my first Executor shall likewise take all the Money I kept for Vipre.

MADRASS
9TH. JAÑRY. 1750–1.

A True Translation.

PHILIPPUS AGAPEREY CALANDAR.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES in the Paymaster's accounts are in the following particulars Jañry. 1754.

PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES	36	12	—
CHARGES GENERAL	2	32	27
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	302	21	26
REPAIRS	953	34	24
FORTIFICATIONS	609	33	22
POONEMALEE &CA. Villages	24	14	4
ST. THOMÉ &CA. Villages	25	—	36
ALLOWANCES OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS	34	12	—
PAGODAS ...	1989	15	59

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℗ CHAS. BODDAM,
Paymr.

26TH. Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 22d. Instant.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter from the Secretary to the Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort St. David enclosing a Bill of Exch. in their favour for fifty thousand, 50000, Rupees.

27 Arrived Sloop Salangore, Edward Bibb, from Fort St. David with General Letter from the Gentlemen there dated 12th. Instt.

— Sailed Snow Don Carlos, Herbert Sutherland for the Niccobars.

* Extra Occurrens. Sent by Pattamar General Letter to the President & Council of Bombay agreeable to Resolution of * Consultation the 25th. Instant.

28 Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 24th. Instant.

1 Arrived, Sloop Orange Tree, William Dougan from Bengal.

— Received by pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatm. dated 14th. Ultimo.

— Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 16th. Ultimo.

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Arrived the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond from Fort St. David with a Genl. Letter from the Gentlemen there dated 27th. Ultimo. 2D.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day to insist on their sending us their Books immediately as the Durringtons Dispatch draws near, or give us their Reasons which with Our observations thereon We shall transmit to Our Honble Masters. —

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY. MONDAY THE 4TH.

ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 25th. Febry read and signed.

Hospital reported. Mr. Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read. General Letters read Vizt.

From DeveCotah. No. 37 and No. 39 From Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah, the first dated 22d. Ulto. advising the arrival there of the Cuddalore sloop, and the receipt of Our two Letters dated 4th. and 15th. and as he wrote us the 16th. the reasons & Cause which rendered him unfit to succeed Mr. Hunter at the Negrais he begs leave to wait Our answer thereto assuring Us he would readily undertake any thing for the service he thought himself in a Condition to go there but as he is incapable of the present Expedition he hopes to be continued at DeveCotah. The second dated the 24th. Ultimo acknowledging our Letter of the 20th. Instant returning his thanks for our permission to continue him in his present Employ and advising that he had dispatch'd the Cuddalore Sloop to Fort St. David and shipped on her a small Bale containing Musters which if We approve he is promised by the Cheally Merchants one thousand Bales a year certain or 1500 if no supply of Cash be wanting on which he waits Our further directions.

Fort St. David. No. 38, 41, and 42 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David the first dated 12th. Ulto. advising that they have consign'd us in the sloop Salangore seventy three Bales of Calico. The second dated the 16th. Ulto. advising that they had sent us on a country vessell called the Shree Ramaloo two hundred and fifty seven Bales, of which sixty five are brown and that they shall send us the rest by whatever other Conveyances may offer. That Mr. Hopkins has desired them to acquaint us by an unforeseen accident one hundred and sixty six (166) eight Inch shells were lost by the Stranding of a Boat which he desires leave to write off, the amount being eighty eight (88) Pagodas, enclosing the Account Ordnance of shot, shells &ca. at Fort St. David and DeveCotah, also Mr. Calls report and Estimate of the Expence of repairing a Bridge at the former place. The third dated the 27th. Ulto. acquainting Us that the Cuddalore sloop being return'd to them from DeveCotah they have loaded and dispatch'd her to us with 120 Bales white, brown and blue. That they have sent us by the same Conveyance a Box containing sundry Books belonging to this presidency, enclosing a Letter to them from Captain Schaul acquainting them that Mr. Prevost an Ensign in his Company lately died at Pondicherry in the Roman Catholick persuasion and that his Effects had been sealed up by the Justice desiring their Instructions whether he should demand them in his own or our Name.

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Vizagapatam.

No. 40 from George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated 14th. Ultimo acknowledging the receipt of Our Letters of the 11th. 24th. December 12th. and 24th. Jañry and acquainting Us that the stores We have ordered them to prepare for the Negrais shall be got ready and that as soon as the Porto Bello returns from Ingeram, which they expect in two or three days, they will immediately dispatch her, that they are willing to think favourable of the Rajah and have carefully avoided every thing that might create any Disputes as far as was consistent with reason and as the Nabob is now gone if the province should not remain in peace it must appear who alone can be the Cause. That the Rajah has hoisted the French Flag at Rajahmundrum and Narrain Dieu by his Orders at Chicakull, That they have obtained a Cowle from the Nabob for coining of Dubbs. That his Family and a few attendants have been conducted to Vizagapatam by a guard of peons and are now just without the Town, but they have not yet seen his son.

Mr. Wynch's report concerning the Missing Rafts.

Mr. Alexr. Wynch lays before the Board (agreeable to Order of Consultation the 4th. Ulto.) the report of his enquiry in relation to the two Rafts which are missing out of those sent some time before to Fort St. David whereby it appears that they were drove off to sea and that the Catamaran people quitted them off of [*sic*] DeveCotah giving it as his opinion that the Catamaran people did not do their duty and therefore that a Ballance due to them in his hands of twenty Pagodas should not be paid them.

Order thereon.

The Board are of opinion that the twenty Pags. should be paid to the people as with all the care possible, it is very probable they may have been drove to sea as they alledge.

Cloathing for the Hospital & Coffrees to be paid for.

Indents in future to be laid before the Board.

Letter from Messrs. Munro and Turing read as entered hereafter accompanying two accounts of Cloathing furnish'd for the use of the Hospital and for the *Coffrees, the first amounting to seven hundred and forty three Pagodas twenty four fanams and the latter to one hundred and six Pagodas, fourteen fanams and thirty six Cash (106. 14. 36) Ordered that the same be paid and that in future Indents be laid before the Board for their approval previous to providing the cloathing.

Letters from Captn Gaupp. in relation to the Cloathing of his Company.

Translation of a Letter from Captain Gaupp read as entered hereafter setting forth that he apprehends the cloathing of the Swiss Company is not under the Regulation that was intended when they were raised and that he had reason to conclude the advantage of ye. Cloathing was always to be the same whatever casualtys might happen to reduce the number of men, whereas according to the present Regulation nothing more is allowed than for the effective Men. Recourse being had to the agreement between the Company and Sr. Luke Schaub for raising the said Companys it appears that each Captain is to have the liberty and advantage of Cloathing the Company by him commanded without any further explanation, the Board are therefore of opinion that they are not authorized to deviate from the Rule observ'd in the like case with respect to the English Companys on this Establishment Agreed that a Copy of Captain Gaupps Letter be transmitted to Our Honble Masters in the packet ℔ Durrington for their directions to us on that head.

Captn. Dalton desires to resign & go home & requests a Certificate of his Behaviour. Granted.

Letter from Captain John Dalton read as entered hereafter desiring leave to resign his Commission & proceed to Europe on the Durrington having delivered in all his accounts sign'd by the Nabob, rquesting also a Certificate of his Behaviour to entitle him to his half pay in the Kings Service having been left here by Admiral Boscawen on those Conditions. Agreed that Captain Dalton's Resignation be accepted; that he have leave to proceed to Europe on the Durrington and that a Certificate be granted him as desired.

* A negro of Madagascar or South Africa. The word is derived from Arabic, *Kafir* an infidel—*Love's Vestiges of old Madras*, Volume II, page 63.

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Hugh Cavenah of the Train of Artillery requesting to be allowed a pension being worn out in the service and incapable of Duty AGREED that he be put on the List of Invalids. Hugh Cavenah admitted on the Invalid List.

Joseph Firmage who has served the Company many years and During the Troubles having recd many Wounds whereby he is incapable of further service and of working his passage home requesting his discharge and an order to Captain Drake to receive him as a Charter party passenger ORDERED that it be complied with. Joseph Firmage to go home a Charter party passenger.

ORDERED that Philip Francis Greenslate lately arrived from Fort St. David be station'd under the Secretary. Mr. Greenslate station'd under the Secrety.

AGREED that the three and nine pounder Guns Mr. Westcott at Ingeram writes for in his Letter of the 1st. Febry be sent him, Mr. Brohier reporting that they can be spared. 3 & 9 Pounder Guns to be sent Mr. Westcott.

AGREED that a Letter be wrote to Mr. Dupleix desiring him to give Orders for the delivery of the Effects of Mr. Prevost deceas'd late Ensign in Captain Schaubs Compy. to Captn. Schaub in consequence of his Letter to the Gentlemen at St. David read in Consultation this day. Mr. Dupleix to be wrote to deliver Mr. Prevost Effects to Captn. Schaub.

Pursuant to Order of Consultation the 31st. December, List of the Revenues of the several Pagodas in & about Madras being now laid before the Board ORDERED that a Copy thereof be transmitted to Our Honble Masters by the Durrington for their perusal recommending it to their observation that these Dutys are a clogg upon Trade and are of no other use than to support in idleness a parcell of Brallineys. List of the Revenues [of] the Pagodas dd in.

One years Interest at six thousand Pagodas deposited in the Company's Cash at 6 ℔ Cent amounting to three hundred and sixty (360) Pagodas being due the 21st. Ulto. ORDERED that it be paid. Interest on the [or]phan stock to be paid.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the chest, twenty one thousand and five hundred and fifty four Pagodas, ten fanams and ten Cash and Seven hundred and ninety one (791) Madrass Pagodas wh. is carried forward. Cash account read.

The Treasury accounts are also read for last M[onth] the several Ballances being compared and found right are six hundred and twenty five thousand four hundred and eleven Arcot Rupees nine annaes and seven pice (625411. 9. 7) and eight thousand three hundred and twenty (8320) Mss. Rupees which are carried forward. Treasury accots. read.

Four setts of Certificates of this date are now sign'd for money paid into the Honble Companys Cash by the following persons Vizt. four setts of certificates sign'd.

Setts.				
1	For one thousand three hundred and ninety one Pagodas twenty two fanams and seventy one Cash, recd of Captn. Edwd. Maskelyne on account the Estate of Lieutt. James Symonds deceased	1391	22	71
1	For four hundred and thirty eight Pagodas nineteen fanams and fifty two Cash recd here of Captain Edmund Maskelyn on account of the Estate of Ensign John Holt decd.	438	19	52
	Carried over ...	1830	6	43

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Setts.				
	Brought forward ...	1830	6	43
1	For one thousand and eight Pagodas, twenty six fanams and fifty five Cash recd of Mr. Robert Turing on account of the Estate of Major William Kinneer decd.	1008	26	55
1	For one hundred and seven Pagodas nine fanams and sixty four Cash recd. of Mr. Robert Turing Attorney to Mr. Thomas Taylor on account of Naval Stores left in the East Indies by his Majesty's squadron ...	107	9	6[4]
4	Setts amounting to	2946	7	2

Two thousand nine hundred and forty six Pagodas, seven fanams and two Cash.

two setts of Bills of Exchange. Two setts of Bills of Exchange are also sign'd dated this day drawn on the Court of Directors at ninety days sight and their stated Exchange of seven shillings and eight pence as follow.

Setts.		£.	s.	d.	Pag.	fa.	ca.
1	To Mr. John Backholtz or order value of Mr. Alexr. Wynch on account of Captain George Gardner	100	—	—	260	31	24
1	To Mr. Morgan Nelson or order value of himself	81	19	11	213	32	45
2	setts amounting to ... ... £	181	19	11	474	27	69

one hundred and eighty one pounds, nineteen shillings and eleven pence for which the sum of four hundred and seventy four Pagdoas, twenty seven fanams and sixty nine Cash is now recd into Cash.

Commissary advd. AGREED that seven thousand four hundred and thirty two Pagodas, fifteen fanams and forty five Cash (7432. 15. 45) be advanc'd the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Fort St. George, February 1754.

The Honble United Company's Cash. Dr.

Date	Particulars	Pags.		
1	To Ballance brought last Months account. Pags.	22136	22	24
2	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. recd of him for Rups. sold	10000	—	—
4	To Nabob Annaverde Cawn Behauder, recd of Antazey Punt to defray the Expences of a Detachment sent to Abdul Vahab Cawn ...	5000	—	—
—	To the Estate of John Churchey deceas'd recd of Messrs. Starke and Smith the Ballance due by them to him as ꝑ Accot. Current entered after Consultation this day	47	11	75
7	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd of them one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License recd of them one Months rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Janry. last	333	12	—
11	To Linga Chitty &ca. Farmers of St. Thomé received of them in full for one years Rent of that Cowle due 1st. Decr. last ... ... P. 4000 — —			
	Allowed them for Damages Sustained by Incursions of the Enemy as ꝑ Consultation 10th. Decr. ... 1000 — —	3000	—	—
—	To Linga Chitty and Gruapah Farmers of the Companys old Garden received of them one Years Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. December last	250	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him for Rups. sold	9405	14	48
	Carried over ...	50839	12	67

ꝑ Contra. Cr.

Date	Particulars	Pags.		
1	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for sundry Disbursements	4500	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Storekr. advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ	810	29	16
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanc'd him to pay the Military	3540	19	37
2d.	By Fort St. David paid a Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Govr. & Council in favour of Thomas Saunders Esqr.	2052	—	—
—	By Tellesinga Chitty &ca. Merchants advanc'd them on account the Investment	10000	—	—
11	By Fort St. David sent thither ꝑ sloop Dragon 72000 fans. @ 36 ꝑ Pag.	2000	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanced him to defray the Expences of the Troops abroad ...	11405	14	48
18.	By Charles Boddam Export Warehousekr. advanced him for the provision of Redwood for China as ꝑ Consultation 28th. Ulto.	1500	—	—
—	By Alexr. Wynch Commissary advanced him for a remittance to Camp	15000	—	—
25.	By the Estate of Captain Edward Jacobs paid the Mayors Court agreeable to their Letter and order of Consultation this day so much deposited in the Company's Cash by Mr. Thos. Cooke the 6th. Novr. 1749 for a Ballance due from him to the said Estate as appears by the Consultation of that date	1321	26	7
—	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas in that Account for last Month	45	14	55
	Carried over ...	52175	32	3

The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

Dr.							
	Brought forward ...				50839	12	67
18	To Confiscated Houses received three Months rent of the following, due the 31st. Decr. last Vizt.						
	One in Choultry Gate street inhabited by Doctor Munro at P. 10 ꝑ Month ... ... Pags.	30	—	—			
	One other in Choultry Gate street rented by Padre Aveat Thuros at Pags. 10 ꝑ Month.	30	—	—			
	One in Charles Street rented by Captn. John Innis at Pags. 10 ꝑ Month	30	—	—			
					90	—	—
—	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. lent by him for a remittance to Camp as ꝑ Contra				15000	—	—
	To Bills of Exchange recd for one set of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at ninety days sight payable to Mr. John Campbell or order value of Mr. Charles Turner on account of Captain Charles Campbell at the stated Exchange of 7/8 ꝑ Pag.				54	28	13
25	To Account Current London for so much salary which was due to the Revd. Mr. Colefax at the time of his decd and charg'd as paid and now recd into Cash in part of his Bond for £. 50 advanced him by the Company in England				52	4	—
—	To Account Currt. London receved of the Revd. Mr. Saml. Stavely in full discharge of his Bond for £. 50 advanc'd him in England payable here, Exch. @ 7/8 ꝑ Pagoda				130	15	52
	Carried over ...				66166	24	52

ꝑ Contra—*cont.*

				Cr.
	Brought forward ...	52175	32	3
—	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint Jañry Ballance.	22	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekr. advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ ...	700	—	—
		52897	32	3
28.	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ...	21554	10	10
	Carried over ...	74452	6	13

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The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

Dr.

									Pags.	fa.	ca.
	Brought forward ...								66166	24	52
February 25.	To Claud Russell, Accountant General of the Mayors Court recd of the said Court by the hands of the Register as by their Letter and Order of Consultn. this day, a Deposit on account of the Estate of Captain Edward Jacob's deceas'd								1321	26	7
—	To Bills of Exchange, recd for the following setts of this date drawn on the Court of Directors @ their stated Exch. of 7/8 payable @ 90 days sight.										
		£.	s.	d.	Pags.	fa.	ca.				
	1 To Jno. Starke Esqr. or order Value of Richard Starke	28	—	9	73	5	6				
	1 To Sambrooke Freeman Esqr. or order value of Mr. Thos. Cooke ...	100	—	—	260	31	24				
	1 To John Thornton Esqr. or order value of Mr. Chas. Bourchier on account of Mr. Saml. Banks ...	72	2	10	188	7	3				
	1 To Mr. John Turner or order value of Mr. Chas. Turner	128	9	2	335	3	73				
	1 To Mr. Henry Smith or order value of Mr. Jos' du pré	59	5	4	154	22	—				
	5 setts amounting to	387	18	1			or Pags.		1011	33	26
	Carried over ...								68500	12	5

℔ Contra—*cont.*

Cr.

		Pags.	fa.	ca.
Brought forward	...	74452	6	13
Carried over	...	74452	6	13

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

DR.				
	Brought forward ...	68500	12	5
Febry. 25.	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master recd of him the Ballance of Madrass Pagodas in that account for last Month	22	—	—
—	To Charles Boddam Expo. Wareho. kr. received of him in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month	1500	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd. of him on his running accot.	2000	—	—
—	To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper recd of him in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month	2000	—	—
—	To John Smith Land Customer received of him the Ballance of that account for last Month ...	429	30	8
	CURRT. OR STAR PAGS. ...	74452	6	13

℔ CONTRA—*cont.*

			CR.
Brought forward ...	74452	6	13
CURRENT OR STAR PAGS. ...	74452	6	13

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ THOS. SAUNDERS.

Fort St. George, February 1754.

Dr.	Madrass Pagodas.					℔ Contra.			Cr.
1.	To Ballance from last Months Account … …	769	—	—					
25.	To the Hon̄ble Companys Cash for the Mint Jan̄ry Ballance … … … … …	22	—	—					
		791	—	—	31st.	By Ballance carried to next Month's account …	791	—	—

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.

Treasury Accounts.

Dr. 1754 Feby.	Arcot Rupees.				1754 Feby.	℔ Contra.			Cr.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month …	930119	13	7	1st.	By Fort St. David sent thither ℔ Lisle ..	100000	—	—
14.	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master rec̃d of him … … … … … …	2991	12	—	2d.	By Import Wareho.kr. delivered him for sale …	37700	—	—
					11.	By Do. Do … …	20000	—	—
					12.	By Fort St. David sent ℔ Sloop Dragon …	100000	—	—
					25.	By Do. on account Bill of Exchange.	50000	—	—
							307700	—	—
						By Ballance … … … … …	625411	9	7
		933111	9	7			933111	9	7

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

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Dr. 1754. Feby.	Madras Rupees.		1754. Feby.	℔ Contra.	Cr.
1st.	To Ballance brought forward	8320 — —	29.	By Ballance	8320 — —

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

Dr. 1754. Feby.	Current Pagodas.		1754. Feby.	℔ Contra.	Cr.
10th.	To Import Warehouse keeper rec̃d of him ...	4000 — —	11th.	By the Hoñble Companys Cash paid in ...	4000 — —
20.	To Do. do. ...	2000 — —	25.	By Ditto.	2000 — —
		6000 — —			6000 — —

Errors Excepted.
℔ Thomas Saunders.
&ca. Committee.

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HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to your directions I have examin'd the Catamaran People that were sent with the Rafts of Timber and Plank to Fort St. David who declare they were drove off to sea with two of the Rafts, which they were oblig'd to quit off DeveCotah the Current being so violent that they could not manage them. Of the Money that was Agreed to give them I have still Pagodas 20, remaining in my hands concerning which I desire your Honour &ca. Directions which I really think they are not deserving of, for if they had done their duty they might have got safe to Fort St. David as the others did. I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedient Servant
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

IT being now upwards of seven Months since the first disbursements for the Hospital Cloathing were made, and three Months since the Cloathing was finish'd We desire your Honour &ca. may be pleased to give order for the payment of the Money.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedt. Hum. Servant

3D. MARCH 1754.

A. MUNRO.
ROBERT TURING.

FORT ST. GEORGE MARCH 4TH. 1754.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As I informed you when I apply'd to be relieved from the Command of the Garrison of Tritchinopoly that it was my Intention to resign the Honble Companys Service in order to return to Europe, I must now desire your permission to do it, and that you'll please to give the necessary directions to the Captain of the Durrington to receive me on board.

I have delivered in to the Govr. my accounts with the Nabob Annaverdy Cawn passed and sign'd by him in the manner you were pleas'd to direct in the Letter I had the Honour to receive from you on that subject and have delivered the Nabob receipts in full from all his people that served under my Command.

As it is expected by the Lords of the Regency that the Officers of his Majesty's service left in India by Mr. Boscawen produce Certificates of their Behaviour in order to obtain their half pay, I must request Gentlemen that you'll please to grant me such a one from your Honble Board as you think my Behaviour entitles me to during the time I have had the Honour to serve in your Troops.

I have now only to add my acknowledgment for the genteel Treatment, I have always recd in your service and to assure you that I shall always remain with the most profound Respect and Consideration.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and
very Humble servant
J. DALTON.

SIR

For fourteen Years that I have served I have always made it my principal [*sic*] to make myself known to my superiours only by my attachment and application to the service, and held it as a point of Honour rather to sacrifice my property than to trouble them with any Complaints regarding my own Interest. It is true that the advantages which were described to me of this service, determined me to quit that of Europe, and although the event has not in every respect answered my Expectations, I should have made myself very easy in my situation if the Course had been stopp'd or fixed to any moderate point but as I am at present in the case of seeing it come to Extremities, I thought myself obliged to do myself the Honour to represent my situation to you, and to beg sir that you will give it the attention it deserves. When a contract was presented to me in England to be sign'd, by which I was to bind myself to pay a certain sum yearly to Mr. Chabbert in case I should succeed to his Company before the expiration of the seven years of agreement, I made two objections; First whether Mr. Chabbert could demand that, and in the second place whether the Revenues of the Company were always the same, and adequate to the Existence of such an Engagement, I was answer'd that Mr. Chabbert had obtain'd this agreement from the Directors in consideration of the Expences he had been at in the raising his Company, and that the Money for the Cloathing our Companies should be paid compleatly for the whole Year, I reckon'd the more certainly on this Declaration as both are Customary in Europe. There is every where a certain advantage belonging to a Corps which is never altered; for this reason there are gratifications settled in different ways to indemnify any Losses or Damages that may happen to a Troop, for example, in some services the Cloathing is paid compleatly, whatever may be the real Force of the Troops; in others a certain number of Men are paid above the real Force. In the Regiment in which I served a certain sum of Money was paid for every man, kill'd, wounded, prisoner or dead, & that merely to make good the Revenues and advantages which a sovereign does not intend should be lessen'd by the accidents of War, where our Bodies only not Our properties, should be exposed. I could never have suspected it was not the same here as We Cloath Our people immediately upon their arrival, in advance upon our own account, the Expences and proffitts of which are to return in the Course of the Year by the two pence a day from each Man stipulated and regulated to this Effect. It does not depend upon Us to keep the Companies in the same State and up to the same number as when they are cloathed, and it is certain that a daily diminution is inevitable in a time of War, wherein people are more exposed to every kind of accident than in Europe, whereas in peace they may be kept almost always compleat and consequently the advantages are fixed & certain. But as the service of Our Masters admits of no Delays nor Exceptions, We must go where We are ordered, as really our people are sent to Camp as soon as they are arrived and cloath'd, And if in this Case the event is to lie upon us, consequently the War would be carried on at the Expence of Our Interest, which Our Masters assuredly do not design. It is however certain that the two pence for the Cloathing, the only advantage We have to defray and support Our Losses are taken

off the same Month that a Man is killed or dead. And it happen'd to me in the affair of the 21st. Septr. last that some wounded Men being shipp'd by the Blacks, I was obliged to cloath them afresh, besides this our people are divided and detach'd into so many different Places, that from some I cannot get a true Report, from others the Rolls are sent to the Paymaster in so irregular a manner that it cannot fail to cause a Loss and as an officer who piques himself on applying all his attention and attachment to his Duty and the service cannot look into this little detail of his affairs, I have the more reason to hope that my Masters will secure me from Ruin and order that the Gratification for the Cloathing stipulated in the agreement, be paid compleatly for the whole year for the same number of Men as were cloathed on their arrival on the Coast. I venture to flatter myself you will pay attention to my Request and I put my whole confidence in your goodness.

Allow me the Honour to add to this sir that I am come hither to recover from my Wounds and it gives me a sensible concern to be kept so long out of a Condition of returning to Camp.

I have the Honour to be with profound Respect.

Sir
Your most Humble and
most Obedient servant

Fort St. David.
20th. Febry. 1754.

G. F. Gaupp.

Arrived Brigantine, Santa Rita, Grandal from Pigou. 6th.

Arrived the Honble Companys sloop Dragon, Willabou Syrang from Fort St. David with a General Letter from the Deputy Govr. and Council there dated 5th. Instant accompanying their General Books for the year 1752. 7.

Do. Sloop Musketoe, Assem Condoe, from Fort St. David & DeveCotah with General Letters from the Gentlemen, at those settlements, Vizt. from the first dated 5 March and the latter dated 27th. Febry. —

Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David, dated the 6th. Instant accompanying their annual address. 9.

At a Consultation.

Present

Saturday the 9th.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Govr. President.

Charles Boddam. Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation read and signed.

Report of the Durringtons stores &ca. read.

Report of the Durringtons Warlike Stores & Crew read as entered hereafter whereby she appears to be in a proper condition to proceed on her voyage to Europe.

The Secretary pays in Thirty (30) on accot. of Captain John Dalton for Permission of passage to Europe on the Durrington.

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General Books & Accot. Genl. Do. sign'd.

The General Books of this settlement DD Commencing 1st. May 1752 and ending 31st. April 1753 are now sign'd as are also a sett of Books kept by the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Deposits &ca. with the Company for the benefit of the suitors of the said Court and the following Dispatches are likewise now sign'd Vizt.

Despatches for Europe sign'd &ca.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors dated this day.

Seperate General Letter to Do. Do.

General Letter to the Govr. and Council of St. Helena Do.

Dispatch to Captn. Drake of the Durrington Do.

Dispatches to Captns. Hammond & Sullivan of the Cuddalore and Recovery, carrying Detachments of the Company's Troops to St. David & DeveCotah.

General Letters to Fort St. David, DeveCotah, Major Lawrence and Captn. Benjamin Pigou.

Ordered that the packet for Europe be closed and Captain Drakes Dispatches delivered as soon as possible.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to order for surveying the Artillery Stores of the Durrington and mustering her crew, We have been on board that ship and find her supply'd with those mention'd in the accompanying Lists and conceive she is in a fit condition to proceed to Europe.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

Fort St. George.
The 9th. March 1754.

Charles Boddam.
John Brohier.

9th. Sailed Snow Hartup, John Herriot, for Vizagapatam.

10. Sailed the Honble Company's Ship Durrington Richard Drake for England.

Do. The Honble Companys sloop, Nathaniel Hammond for Fort St. David and DeveCotah, with a General Letter to the Gentlemen at Former Settlement dated the 9th. Instant.

Do. Snow Recovery, John Swinton for DeveCotah with General Letter for the Chief there dated the 9th. Instant.

Do. Brigantine Hydeabux, Hodge Noqudah, for Pegue.
Arrived sloop Mary Lawrence da Silva from Fort St. David.

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Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Instt. 10.
Do. Do. Do. 7 Do. 11.
Do. Do. Do. 8 Instt.

Arrived Ship Castao, Caetano Gonsolva from Batavia.

Sailed sloop, Salangore, Peter Gallopine for Vizagapatam with General Letters for the Gentlemen there. 12.

Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 9th. Inst. —
Do. by Pattamar Do. from Ingeram dated 9th. Febry. —

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 13TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THE Book of Standing Orders lying upon the Table.

THE Minutes of Last Consultation dated the 9th. Instant read and sign'd.

GENERAL LETTERS read Vizt. General Letters.

recd from DeveCotah

No. 43 from Mr. Charles Hopkins at DeveCotah dated 27th. Ulto. advising that he had consign'd to us on a Country Boat called the Shrimp 500 Piles for the use of this Settlement.

Fort St. David. &

No. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50 and 51 Eight General Letters from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David, the first dated the 5th. Instant advising that they had sent us on the sloop Musqueta forty eight Bales of Callicoes, the second dated the same date acquainting us that they had received Our remittance of 50000 Rupees and that they dispatch the Companys sloop Dragon to Us with fifty Bales of Callicoes and also a Box containing their General Books for the year 1752 and several others belonging to that Settlement and that their annual address shall wait on us overland. The third dated the 6th. Instt. accompanying their annual Letter with the several papers of that Settlement to be transmitted to Europe. The fourth is dated the same day being their annual Letter, containing a brief account of their Transactions in the Companys affairs and the present state of the Settlement. The fifth is dated the 7th. Instant and serves only to accompany Duplicate papers. The sixth is dated the 8th. Instant accompanying their Monthly accounts for January and requesting a supply of five hundred stand of arms which Mr. Hopkins has applied to them for Major Lawrence having sent in 365 seapoys to be furnished with them. The seventh dated the 7th. Instant advising that they had consignd to us eighty Bales of Calicoes on the sloop Mary. The eighth dated the 9th. Instant accompanying Triplicates of their annual address and papers for Europe.

from Ingeram.

No. 52 from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 9th. Ulto. advising that the Nabob had left Rajahmundrum and with a few attendants took the by Road to Aurungabad at which time he declared he was obliged to this measure thro' fear of the French and finding no dependance to be had in the Rajah he was going to try to bring the Morattas into that Country, that he had sent his Family to Vizagapatam and 180 Gingalls to Ingeram under Mr. Westcott's care that the Rajah is at Rajahmundrum and is going to Narsipore acknowledging the Receipt of our Letter of the 24th. Jañry. in consequence of which he proposed writing to Vizagapatam for the supply of Cash We ordered him, enclosing his Monthly account.

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Fort St. David Annual Letter to be consider'd next Consultation.

Agreed that the Consideration of the Fort St. David Annual Address be deferr'd untill the next Consultation.

Musters of Deve Cotah cloth to be examin'd next Consultation.

Ordered that the Musters of Cloth from DeveCotah be produced and examin'd at the next Consultation.

Lack of Rupees & fanams to be sent to St. David.

The sloop Orange Tree being in a few days to sail for Fort St. David, the West Coast of Sumatra & Batavia Agreed that a Lack of Rupees and two thousand Pagodas worth of fanams be sent to Fort St. David.

Batavia to be wrote to in regard to an Imposition of 1 ℔ Ct. at Mallacca.

And that a General Letter be wrote to the Govr. and Council of Batavia complaining of the treatment of the Dutch at Mallacca in obliging the Supra Cargo's of the ship Travancore to pay one ℔ cent on the Cargo of that ship which they were oblig'd to land in order to repair a Leak in the ship.

No private Merchandize to be laden on the Compys. Vessells when there are Goods enough of the Compy. The Dragon but 50 Bales from St. David the Gentlemen to give their reasons.

The Companys sloop Dragon having brought up no more than fifty Bales from Fort St. David tho' she has stow'd ninety from the Northward Agreed that the Gentlemen at St. David be called upon to give their reasons for sending so few on the Company's Vessell when at the time they had Goods ready and consign'd them by another conveyance on Freight and that they be strictly ordered never to suffer any private Merchandize to be laden on the Company's Vessells except when there are not Goods sufficient of the Company's to take up the whole Tonnage.

Broad Cloth to be put up again the 10th. April.

The Companys Broad Cloth having been put to Sale the 8th. Instant when no bidders offered Agreed that it be try'd again on Wednesday the 10th. April.

Rice from Bengal ℔ Durrington sold so low as not to produce any Custom.

The Sea Customer represents that he had not recd any Duty on the Rice imported here from Bengal on the Durrington, which sold at so low a price that five ℔ Cent computed upon the sale did not amount to so much as the Duty of 8 ℔ Cent charged upon the prime cost at Bengal, which Duty according to an establish'd custom is always allowed and deducted out of the amount of the Duty charged on he Sale here.

Money paid in by Order of the Mayors Court account the Estate of Wm. Bewes decd.

Pursuant to an Order of the Mayors Court duely certify'd by the Accountant General Mr. Danl. Morse the Register of the said Court pays into the Honble Companys Cash, the sum of two thousand two hundred & fifty Pagodas, thirty three fanams and thirty seven cash (2250. 33. 37) which sum is to be placed to the account of the Accountant General and to the Credit of the Estate of Mr. William Bewes decd.

Money pd. in for Rups. sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in five thousand, 5000, Pagodas for Rupees sold.

One Mos. Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco farm paid in. &

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kelleva Chitty Bettle and Tobacco Farmers pay in six hundred sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Febry last.

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Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kallava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence pay in three hundred and thirty three Pagodas and twelve fanams (333. 12) for one Months Rent of that cowle due the 1st. Febry. last. one Months rent of the arrack & wine Licence.

AGREED that ten thousand 10000 Pagodas be paid the President in part of the fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas advanced by him the 18th. Ulto. 10000 Pagodas to be repaid the President. &

THAT ten thousand (10000) Pagodas be advanced the Commissary for a remittance to Camp and two thousand (2000) Pagodas more to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad. an advance to the Commissary.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Arrived ship Eagle, William Moor from Pegue. 13TH.

Received by Boat General Letter from DeveCotah dated 7th. Inst. 14TH.

Sailed sloop Orange Tree, William Dogan for Fort St. David, Fort Marlbrough and Batavia with General Letters to the Gentlemen at those Settlements agreeable to Resolution of last Consultation. 16.

Sent by Pattamar General Letters to Tellicherry & Bombay dated this day. —

Arrived snow Good Hope from Bengal. 18.

Do. the Honble Companys sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond from DeveCotah and Fort St. David with General Letter from the former dated 17th. Instant. —

Arrived sloop Fortune, Joannes Sarah, from Pegue. 19.

Received by Tappies Genl. Letter from DeveCotah dated 15th. Inst. —

Do. by Peons Do. from Vizagapatam & Ingeram the former dated the 28th. Febry. the latter 6th. Instant. —

Arrived Brigantine Hydrabux, Bemejee Noquedah, from Pegue. 20.

Do. Sloop George, Thomas Reason, from Bandarmalanka with a General Letter dated 1st. Instant. —

Do. snow Recovery, John Swinton, from DeveCotah. —

Do. snow Good Hope, for Pulliacat. —

Recd. by Peons Genl. Letter from Bandarmalanka, dated 6th. Inst. 24.

Sailed sloop Mary, Lawrence da Silva, for Bengal. 25.

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AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 25TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THE Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

THE Minutes of last Consultation dated the 13th. Instant read and sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Messrs. Alexandr. Wynch and John Smith report that they had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From DeveCotah.

No. 53. 54 and 55 from Mr. Charles Hopkins, Chief of DeveCotah the first dated the 7th. Instant advising that he had sent us six hundred Piles by a boat called the Prawn. The second dated the 15th. Instant acquainting us of the arrival of the Recovery snow and that the Detachment stores &ca. were landed and advice thereof sent Express to Major Lawrence enclosing Monthly papers for Febry. The last dated the 17th. Instant advising the arrival of the Cuddalore from Fort St. David with the Detachment which was landed, as well as the remainder of the provisions & the vessell immediately dispatch'd hither, with Orders to the Commander to call at St. David to take in whatever the Gentlemen there might have to put on board.

from Vizagapatam.

No. 56 from the Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 28th. Febry enclosing a Letter to Mr. Pigot from Viziaram Rauze desiring to be paid the Kisty Money, in answer whereto they acquainted him that they had wrote to us and must wait our answer desiring him at the same time not to make himself answerable for it 'till then, to those he rents the Country from. That they had accommodated Jaffer Ally Cawns family in the best manner they are able without running the Company into Expences having only been at the Charge of fitting up a House for them.

rom Ingeram.

No. 57 from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 6th. Instant acquainting Us that the Rajah had demanded the annual Presents made by that Factory to the person in possession of Peddapore Fort, but which has not been given these three years, that he had made him a handsome present and told him he must wait our directions for the rest, he has also demanded the annual presents made to the Nabob of Rajahmundrum which has been discontinued ever since they came against the Factory but that on his informing the Rajah he was ready to give the same on his paying the Company for the damage sustained by the loss of the Factory amounting to above ten thousand Pagodas, he dropped his demand. That the Rajah is gone to Metchelepatam to settle the articles of Agreement for renting the Rajahmundrum and Chicacull Countrys enclosing the Monthly papers for February.

from Bandarmalka.

No. 58 and 59 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka the first dated the 1st. Instant advising that the Nabob had left that province and that Viziaram Rauze had rented the Rajahmundrum and Chicacull countrys for four years that in his way to Metchelepatam to sign the Agreement with the French, he assured him (Andrews) that nothing should be done to the prejudice of the Engish. That has recd the 5000 Pagodas We ordered him from Vizagapatam. That the Detachment by the George sloop was safely arrived and landed and as they demand Batta and say it was promised them he desires our directions. That he has consign'd us on the said sloop sixty eight Bales and desiring We will send him some Washing stores, requesting also We will supply him with

four field pieces to defend the passes to that place, with two Men of the Train and the necessary am̃unition, the other dated the 6th. Instant enclosing Duplicates and Monthly accounts for February.

AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at the Northern Settlements in answer to their several Letters Vizt. General Letters to be wrote.

To Vizagapatam, That We would have them pay the Kisty money to the Rajah if he persists in his demand as a Refusal may give him a pretence to do Us some prejudice. That in regard to Ibrahim Cawn, the Nabob's son, We would have them acquaint him that the President will shortly remit him the produce of his ship and Cargo consign'd here and We shall be glad of every occasion to serve his family but in regard to lending him money We cannot answer it to the Company. To Vizagapatam.

To Ingeram, That if the Rajah continues to press for the annual presents to Peddapore fort and Rajahmundrum they must be given as the Consequence of irritating him by a Refusal may be very prejudicial to the Companys affairs. To Ingeram.

To Madapollam, that the detachment by the George sloop was not promised nor is to have Batta, That We have agreed to allow Sejt. Haycock who commanded the Detachment five Pagodas a Month over and above his usual pay as a reward for his gallant Behaviour on many occasions. That we cannot spare any field pieces, and think the Men sent will be sufficient without. To Madapollam.

The Board having considered of several particulars in the Letters from Fort St. David which remain unanswered, AGREED that they be acquainted in regard to the Trevendeporum Rent, which they say in their Letter of the 31st. January the Renters cannot pay, because the ravages of the Enemy have prevented their collecting the Revenues, that We are sensible the incursions of the Morattas must have done great damages in that Country, but We do not conceive the loss must be so very considerable as they represent, their Estimates of their collections amounting to no more than 1550 Pagodas whereas that Country is let for 8000 Pagodas ₱ annum that the better to come at the truth of what the Renters have received We would have them put to their oath and what damages they will swear to We will allow. That as to the particulars of their stewards account Furniture of which in their Letter 14th. January they desire to have the value as each article stands in Our Books in answer whereto we acquainted them in our Letter of the 23d. Janr̃y that as Our Books and theirs differ We should consider of a method to adjust it, AGREED that they be directed to make a new valuation of each article now in being at Fort St. David and transmit the same to Us for our direction together with an account of what is decay'd and worn out. That we consent to the new paving of the Bridge with stone agreeble to the Estimate in their Letter of the 16th. Febr̃y. That We have lately sent a supply of arms to DeveCotah and cannot comply with the Indent in their Letter of the 8th. Inst. Fort St. David to be wrote to.

Agreeable to Order of last Consultation the Musters of Cloth sent by Mr. Hopkins from DeveCotah being now produced and carefully examined the Board are of opinion that the Scially Cloth may answer if it can be procured at a pagoda and half cheaper than at St. David which is pretty near the price Mr. Hopkins mentions, as to the Salem Cloth there is not the least Shaddow [*sic*] of reason to imagine any advantage can be made by it at DeveCotah as St. David is as conveniently situated in every Respect AGREED to write Mr. Hopkins that as soon as We can spare a proper supply of Cash, which We are in no condition to do at present, We shall make a Tryal of the Scially Cloth if it can be had at the abovemention'd price, but that We think it to no purpose to meddle with the Salem Investment at DeveCotah as it would interfere with St. David and hurt both. DeveCotah Investment considered. Resolution thereon.

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DeveCotah to be wrote to about the Nabobs accots.

On examining the DeveCotah accounts it appears that all the Charges of Expedions Stores &ca. furnished on that account are carried to the head of Charges General or Charges Extraordinary, AGREED that henceforward the settled Garrison of that place be one Company of Military and one Company of Seapoys and that whatever Troops may occasionally happen to be there, exceeding the said Number, be accounted as Detachments in the Nabob's service and the charges placed to his account as well as all other charges, stores &ca. furnish'd for any Expeditions and that all such Articles hithereto carried to charges General or Extraordinary be now wrote off to Account Nabob Mahomed Ally, of which Mr. Hopkins is to have notice.

Mr. Richd. Court desires payment for 300 Bags of Rice landed from his ship at Vizagapatam in 1747 together with Interest.

Letter from Mr. Richard Court read as entered hereafter representing that in the year 1747 he consign'd a Cargo of Rice to Fort St. David for the Companys Use, but the ship touching at Vizagapatam the Gentlemen there landed three hundred Baggs on the Company's account which he has never been paid for tho' he frequently apply'd to the Chief and Council on that head, requesting therefore that the value thereof together with Interest may be now paid him amounting in the whole as ℘ account, entered hereafter to seven hundred and sixty (760) Pagodas.

Granted.

A Representation having been made to the Board on this subject as appears by the Minutes of Consultation the 25th. September 1752, it was then resolved that satisfaction should be made for the said Rice, and as Mr. Court had frequently applied to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for payment which thro' some neglect had been omitted it is AGREED that he be allowed Interest on the amount agreeable to the said account entered hereafter.

Account Salary to this day ordered to be paid.

The Accountant lays before the Board as entered hereafter an account of salary due to the Hoñble Company's Servants at this Settlement for six Months ending this day which is ordered to be paid.

Money pd. in by order of the Mayors Court Accot. Bobjohn Mathews.

Pursuant to an order of the Mayors Court dated the 22d. Instant certifiy'd in due form by the Accompt. General, Mr. Daniel Morse Register of the said Court pays into the Hoñble Company's Cash the sum of two thousand eight hundred and seventy three Pagodas, twenty one fans. and seventy eight Cash, which sum is to be placed to the account of the Accountant General for the benefit of the Creditors of Bobjohn Matthews a Bankrupt, and receit for the same is now sign'd.

Indents of Medecines for Arcot & Chingalaput to be complied with.

Indents for Medecines for the use of the Garrisons at Arcot and Chingalapet being laid before the Board ORDERED that they be complied with and the charge thereof placed to the account of Nabob Mahomud Ally Cawn.

Monthly accots. read.

Mint.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master read ye. account for last Month Ballance then remaining in the Mint two hundred and seventy eight Arcot Rupees, six annaes (278. 6) and seventy two (72) Madrass Pagodas, the last of which are now paid into Cash. And due to the Mint forty two Current Pagodas, seven fanams and twenty Cash (42. 7. 20) which are paid him.

Export Warehouse.

Charles Boddam Export Warehousekr. reads that Account for last Month Ballance due from him one thousand one hundred and twenty two Pagodas, seventeen fanams and sixty seven Cash (1122. 17. 67) which is carried forward.

Paymaster.

Charles Boddam Paymaster reads that Account for last Month.

CHARGES GARRISON	225	21	73
CHARGES HOSPITAL	215	29	—
PEONS AND SERVANTS WAGES	375	20	—
CHARGES GENERAL	92	3	13
Carried over ...	909	2	6

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Brought forward	...	909	2	6
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	...	234	9	68
REPAIRS	...	821	32	4
FORTIFICATIONS	...	567	32	33
POONEMALEE &CA. Villages	...	28	10	20
ST. THOMÉ &CA. Villages	...	24	7	55
ALLOWANCES OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS	...	12	12	—
EXPEDITION TO NEGRAIS	...	362	31	55
CHARGES CATTLE	...	66	24	—
CHARGES DIET	...	583	12	—
		3610	30	1

Ballance due from him one thousand eight hundred and twenty two Pagodas, twenty three fanams and sixty four Cash (1822. 23. 64.) which is carried forward.

The particulars of the Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters account are entered hereafter.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him four thousand four hundred and twelve Pagodas eight fanams and eight Cash (4412. 8. 8) which is carried forward. Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. reads that account for last month Ballance due from him five thousand nine hundred and eight Pagodas, twenty one fanams & fifty five Cash (5908. 21. 55) which is Carried forward. Import Warehouse.

Alexandr. Wynch Storekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him nine hundred and seventy four Pagodas, six fanams and seven Cash (974. 6. 7) which is carried forward. Storehouse.

John Smith Land Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him five hundred and thirty four Pagodas, thirty four fanams and ten Cash (534. 34. 10) which he now pays in. Land Customer.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that accot. for last Month Ballance due from him fourteen hundred and twenty two Pagodas, twenty eight fanams and sixty four Cash (1422. 28. 64) which is carried forward. Military Paymr.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that account for last Month, Ballance due from him three hundred and thirteen Pagodas, eight fanams and sixty one Cash (313. 8. 61) which is carried forward. Military Storehouse.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal parcells for the month of January. Journal parcells.

The Engineers Account of Expences of Fortifications and Repairs &ca. for last Month is also laid before the Board. Engineers Accot.

The Commissary pays in six thousand four hundred and sixty eighty Pagodas, thirty one fanams and thirty five Cash (6468. 31. 35) recd. by him of Sampetrow on account of Annaverde Cawns Debt to the Company. Money paid in accot. Nabob Annaverde Cawn.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in nineteen thousand and three Pagodas, eight fanams and six Cash (19003. 8. 6) for Rupees sold. Money paid in by the Impo. Warehokr. for Rupees sold &

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in twelve thousand (12000) Pagodas, on his running account. on his running accot.

AGREED that five thousand, 5000 Pagodas be repaid the President in full for what remains due to him of fifteen thousand Pagodas advanced the Cash the 18th. Ulto. AND that the following advances be made Vizt. 5000 Pags. repaid the President in full.

Money advanc'd to.

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Tellisinga Chittee &ca. Merchants. To Tellisinga Chittee &ca. Merchants twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas for the provision of fine Goods.

Paymaster. To the Paymaster three thousand (3000) Pagodas for the charges of that Employ.

Commissary. To the Commissary five thousand seven hundred and two Pagodas, twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (5702. 25. 24) to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

Military Paymr. To the Military Paymaster four thousand five hundred and forty Pagodas nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (4540. 19. 37) to pay the Military.

Military Storekr. To the Military Storekeeper five hundred and fifty (550) Pags. for the Charges of that Employ.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE President and Council of Fort William having in the year 1747 contracted for a Cargo of Rice at Bengal to be delivered at Fort St. David at 100 Pagodas ℔ Garse, I accordingly in the month of August of that year consign'd the same on the ship Fort St. George Captain John Vass who in his passage touching at Vizagapatam the Gentlemen there thought proper to land three hundred Baggs of the same Rice to make room for part of the Madeira Wine imported by the Oxford Captain Stevens from Europe who had miss'd his port and put in there. I have several times since apply'd to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam to settle that account with me but without Effect which occasions my present Request to your Honour &ca. Council that you will please to order the payment of the amount of the said Rice with Interest which I cannot doubt but what your Honour &ca. Council will think as justly due as the principal since it has not depended on me that it was not paid for in due time.

I am respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
RICHARD COURT.

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THE HONBLE COMPANY.

1747 Septemr.				DR.
25.	To Rice landed at Vizagapatam 300 Baggs at 60 Baggs for each Garce is 5 Garce @ P. 100 ℔ Garce	500	—	—
	Interest Do. to the 25th. March 1754 is 78 Months @ 8 ℔ Cent	260	—	—
	PAGS. ...	760	—	— @
	Rups. 378 ℔ % Pags. is Rups.	2872	9	—

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ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ RICHD. COURT.

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Account Salary due to the Honble Companys Covenanted Servants from 25th. September 1753 to 25th March 1754.

Name	Station	Mo.	Ds.	₱ ann	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
Thomas Saunders Esqr.	President & Governour.	—	—	200	100	—	—						
	Gratuity	—	—	100	50	—	—						
								150	—	—	375	—	—
Charles Boddam	2d. of Council	—	—	100		..		50	—	—	125	—	—
Henry Powney	3d. ditto	—	—	70		..		35	—	—	87	18	—
Alexr. Wynch	4th. ditto	—	—	50		..		25	—	—	62	18	—
John Smith	5th. ditto	—	—	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
Charles Bourchier	6th. ditto	—	—	40	20	—	—		..			..	
	Gratuity as Secty. to 1st. Novemr.	1	5	10	—	19	5						
								20	19	5	52	15	30
William Perceval	Senior Merchant	—	—	40	20	—	—		..		50	—	—
Samuel Ardley	Factor	—	—	15		..		7	10	—	18	27	—
Edward Edwards	ditto	—	—	15	7	10	—		..			..	
	Gratuity as Assay Master.	—	—	80	40	—	—		..			..	
								47	10	—	118	27	—
Henry Vansittart	Factor	—	—	15	7	10	—		..			...	
	Gratuity as Translator ..	—	—	30	15	—	—		..			..	
								22	10	—	56	9	—
Richard Fairfield	Factor	—	—	15	7	10	—		..			..	
	Gratuity as Sub Accomptant	—	—	100	50	—	—						
	do. for keeping the Companys accot. wth. the Mayors Court from 13th Augst.	7	12	20	12	6	8						
								69	16	8	174	21	—
Charles Turner	Factor	—	—	15				7	10	—	18	27	—
Josias Du Pre	Do.	—	—	15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity as Secy. from 1st. Novr.	4	25	10	4	7	—						
	ditto as Clerk of the peace	—	—	45	22	10	—						
								34	7	—	85	2	50
John Browning	Factor	—	—	15				7	10	—	18	27	—
James Alexander	ditto	—	—	15				7	10	—	18	27	—
John Smith	ditto	—	—	15				7	10	—	18	27	—
Danl. Morse	ditto	—	—	15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity for keeping the Books of the Mayors Court from 13th. Augst.	7	12	20	12	6	8						
								19	16	8	49	21	—
Charles Simpson	Writer	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
George Stratton	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Philip Fras. Greenslate	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
George Dawson	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
Mathew Clarke	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
James Bourchier	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
John Whitehill	ditto	—	—	5		..		2	10	—	6	9	—
	Carried over ..		..			..		549	19	9	1424	6	—

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		Mo.	Ds.	₰ ann	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Pags.	fa.	ca
	Brought forward ..		..			..		549	19	9	1424	6	—
Joseph Somers	Writer to 25th. October	1	—	5				—	8	4	1	1	40
Claud Russell	ditto	—	—	5	2	10	—						
Gratuity as Accot. Genl. of the Mayors Court from 13th. August		7	12	20	12	6	8						
								14	16	8	37	3	—
Thomas Rumbold	Writer	—	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
George Pyne	ditto	—	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Smith	ditto	—	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexr. Dalrymple	ditto	—	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
John Davidson	ditto	—	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
The Revd. Mr. Robert Palk.	Chaplains. ..	—	—	100				50	—	—	125	—	—
The Revd. Mr. Samuel Stavely.	Chaplains. ..	—	—	100				50	—	—	125	—	—
Andrew Munro ..	Surgeons.	—	—	36				18	—	—	45	—	—
Robert Turing ..	Surgeons.	—	—	36				18	—	—	45	—	—
		@ 8 shillgs. Pagoda.						732	8	4 [*sic*]	1833	19	40

Fort St. George
25th. March 1754.

Errors Excepted
₰ Henry Powney,
Accot.

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymaster's account are in the following Particulars, February 28th. 1754.

Charges Garrison	P. 6	2	43
Charges Hospital	18	13	28
Charges General	5	22	76
Charges Extraordinary	234	9	68
Repairs	821	32	4
Fortifications	567	32	33
Poonemalee &ca. Villages	28	10	20
St. Thomé &ca. Villages	24	7	55
Allowances of the Court of Requests	12	12	—
Expedition to Negrais	362	31	55
Pags. ...	2081	30	62

Errors Excepted
₰ Charles Boddam,
Paymr.

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Sailed the Hoñble Companys sloop Cuddalore, Nathaniel Hammond for Vizagapatam and Negrais with General Letters to those settlements, Ingeram and Madapollam. 26.

Sailed the Hoñble Companys sloop Dragon Vellabou Syrang for Fort St. David and DeveCotah. 27.

Recd. by Tappies, Genl. Letter from Fort St. David, dated 28th. Instant. 28TH.

Arrived the Hoñble Company's ship Colchester, Captain Roger Mainwaring, from the Negrais with advices from Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of that Settlement. 29.

Sailed sloop Fortune, Joannes Sarah, for Pegue. 31ST.

APRIL.

Arrived ship Brill, Francis Taylor from Bengal with Genl. Letter from the President & Council there dated the 1st. Ulto. 1ST.

Do. snow Charming Polly, George Ivie from Vizagapatam. —

Recd. by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 28th. Ulto. 2D.

Arrived ship Raueysee, Meer Iah Mahamud Ameen from Tenasseree. —

Sailed sloop George Thomas Reason for Bandarmalanka with a Letter from the Secretary enclosing Invoice of Washing stones sent to Mr. John Andrews. 4TH.

Arrived Brigantine Mahomed Mauraad, Noorjee Bay Noquedah from Tennasseree. 5TH.

Recd. by Pattamar General Letters from Ingeram and Bandarmalanka both dated 22d. March. 7TH.

Do. by a Vessell arrived at Nagore, General Letter from the President and Council of Bengal dated 8th. March and one from Colonel Scott dated the 9th. Do. 8TH.

Recd. by Tappies, Genl. Letter from DeveCotah dated 2d. Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT. MONDAY THE 8TH.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 25th. Ulto. read and signed.

Mr. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint. Hospital reported.

General Letters read Vizt. General Letters read.

No. 60 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David dated the 28th. Ulto. advising the receipt of the Treasure consign'd them ℘ Sloop Orange Tree, enclosing a Report of the proof of Gunpowder, that from Bombay being so bad that it cannot be used untill it is remade, they request We will send them forty Barrells of Europe fine. From St. David.

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From Bengal.

N°. 61 and 65 from the President and Council of Bengall the first dated the first of March acquainting us that they shall want but little or no Redwood this season & therefore what Our Honble Masters ships can carry will be sufficient, that the Honble Company having directed that all ships trading to that port shall pay them a duty of 1 Current Rupee ₱ Ton, they have ley'd the same from the Brill, Elizabeth and Elliot belonging to this presidency. The second is dated the 8th. March and advises the receipt of Our Letter of the 24th. January and that in Consequence Colonel Scott will proceed hither altho' it is very inconvenient to his private affairs and that they have ordered the Syren sloop to be got ready to conduct him hither.

From Coll. Scott.

N°. 66 from Colonel Scott at Bengal acquainting us that he had recd. our Letter of the 24th. January and in consequence should proceed hither to take the command of the Company's Forces as soon as a sloop could be got ready which might be in eight or ten days.

Deve Cotah

N°. 62 and 67 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah the first dated the 28th. March, the other the 2d. Instant both advising that he had sent us fifteen hundred Piles in two Country Boats.

Bandarmalanka.

N°. 63 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 22d. Ulto. acknowledging the receipt of our Letter of the 19th. February requesting that We will supply him with four field Pieces with ammunition for them without which he cannot defend the passes to that place which it is probable will be attacked very soon as the Rajah & French are upon the point of breaking the latter being determined to have that place, Coringa and Pondimarca, desiring also to be supply'd with a Chest of arms the seapoys not having any.

Ingeram.

N°. 64 from Mr. Foss Westcott Resident at Ingeram dated 22d. March acknowledging the receit of our Letters of the 19th. February and by the Charles Schooner and advising that the Detachment for the Negrais had been sent away the day Our Orders are dated. That the French having got the Rajah at Metchelepatam had flown off from their proposals and insisted on his complying with their terms which are to give them 24 Lacks yearly for the two Countrys to deliver all the Forts into their hands and to dispossess the English of the Rivers of Coringa, Ingeram and Bandarmalanka as also of the Town of Pondamarka and to compel him thereto they have sent for Opparon and the rest of the Rajahs in their Interest to come and join them immediately with all their force, as yet the Rajah has not complied, but should the assistance they have sent for arrive 'tis feared he must submit, his intentions is [*sic*] to find some Excuse to go to Rajahmundrum which should he effect he may bring them to his Terms. Inclosing Indent for sundry stores.

Mr. Westcotts Indent to be comply'd with.

Agreed that Mr. Westcott's Indent for stores be complied with as soon as the several articles can be procured and

40 Barrells of Gunpowder to be sent to St. David.

That the 40 Barrells of Gunpowder indented for by the Gentlemen at St. David be sent by the first opportuni[ty].

Letter from Capt. Mainwaring and Officers for orders to go to a proper port to repair.

Letter sign'd by Captain Roger Mainwaring and the principal officers of the Colchester, read as entered hereafter setting forth that the said ship is in want of very material Repair which they are of opinion cannot be done at Bengal requesting therefore that they may be ordered to a proper port to refit.

The Colchester having been unavoidably detained at the Negrais for the protection of that settlement beyond the term limitted for her dispatch for Europe and as such detention put it absolutely out of the Commanders power to have his ship in a proper Condition to proceed to Europe within the term had there been a possibility of dispatching her, the Board are of opinion that the

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Commander be ordered to some place to refit and should be inclined to prefer Bengall but as the Commander and Officers are of opinion the ship cannot be repaired there It is therefore RESOLVED that Captain Mainwaring be ordered to proceed to Batavia to refit and return hither on or before the 21st. day of September next in order to be loaded and dispatched to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, and that the ship may not return empty but some advantage be made of this Voyage to the Honble Company if possible to ease the heavy charge of Demorage it is AGREED that a Cargo of Timber and plank be loaded on her for the Companys account and Captain Roger Mainwaring or the Commander of the said ship for the time being are hereby appointed the Honble Company's agent or agents for purchasing the same, with an allowance or Commission of five ℔ Cent on the amount of the prime Cost of the said Cargo to be paid on the delivery thereof at this port. to go to Batavia and return here by the 21st. Septembr. to purchase a Cargo of of Timber and plank for the Company.

Letter from Captain Roger Mainwaring read as entered hereafter requesting an advance of five thousand Pagodas for the use of the ship Colchester. Letter from Captain Mainwaring desiring an advance of money to repair.

The accidents this ship has met with in India and her Extraordinary tho' unavoidable detention being the occasion of the large sum that has already been advanced & expended in her Repairs Vizt. 5500 Pagodas which exceeds what the Company are obliged by Charter party to furnish within the term limited for her dispatch, the Board are of opinion that altho' the Charter party is silent as to any further sums to be supply'd in case the ship should be detained in the service beyond the limited term yet as such detention is the absolute occasion of the further Repairs necessary to be made it is but reasonable the Company should enable the commander to procure them. AGREED therefore that the sum of five thousand Pagodas be advanced to Captain Mainwaring on charterparty Terms. Granted.

Translation of a Letter from Captn. J. H. Schaub read recommending Mr. Daniel Frischmande Basle to succeed Ensign John Lewis Prevost deceas'd as an Ensign in his Company of Swiss. Captn. Schaub recommends Mr. Basle to succeed Mr. Prevost as Ensign.

Letter from Captn. George Frederick Gaupp read recommending Ensign Claud Philip Lulin to succeed Lieutenant Conrad Heydegger deceas'd as a Leiut. of his Company of Swiss. Captn. Gaupp recommends Mr. Lulin to succeed Mr. Heydegger as Lieut.

ORDERED that Commissions be drawn out accordingly. Granted.

ALL the Companys Rice and Paddy being sold some time ago and Grain being cheap ORDERED that the Export Warehousekeeper lay in two hundred Garce of paddy and one hundred garce of Rice as store for the present year. Store of Rice and paddy to be laid in for the Company.

THE President reads the Cash account for last Month, Ballance remaining compared with the chest eleven thousand four hundred and forty nine Current Pagodas, eighteen fanams and fifty seven Cash (11449. 18. 57) and eight hundred and sixty three (863) Madrass Pagodas which is carried forward. Cash account read.

The Treasury accounts for last Month are also read the several Ballances remaining being compared and found right are Vizt. Arcot Rupees four hundred and sixty nine thousand and thirty eight, twelve annaes and nine pice (469038. 12. 9) and eight thousand three hundred and twenty (8320) Madrass Rupees. Treasury accot. read.

Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. pays in Pagodas 10014. 10. 52 (fs. ca.) for Rupees sold. Money pd for Rups. sold.

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[Sea]Customer pays in [money] on his runng. account.

Henry Powney Sea Customr. one thousand Pagodas on his running account.

tta on remittances St. David to be paid.

The premium due to Buchanjee Doss & Gocaul Tervady for their Drafts on their Gomastahs in favour of the Gentlemen at St. David having then been omitted to be paid Vizt. the former for 10000 Pags. the 27th. Novr. last and alike sum the 5 Decembr. and the latter for 10000 Pags. the 26th. Novr. at half ℘ Cent being one hundred and fifty (150) Pagodas, Ordered that it be now paid.

advance to the [Paymr.] and Comissary.

Agreed that two thousand (2000) Pagodas be advanc'd the Paymaster for the Charges of that Employ. And That Pagodas 7243. 9. 46 be advanc'd the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ.

Thos. Saunders.
Chas. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

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The Honble United Companys Cash.

Dr.

March.		Pags.		
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months account	21554	10	[10]
	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd. of him for Rupees sold ...	540	19	[—]
4.	To Rayal Pundat, Renter of the Poonemalee Country, recd. of him which with 10000 Pagodas paid the 28th. Jañry is in full for six Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. January.	7500	—	—
—	To Mootiah, Farmer of the Banksall Duty, received of him six Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. December	200	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him for Rupees sold ...	2432	15	[. .]
—	To account Current London, for the following Certificates of this date recd of the undermention'd persons Vizt.			
	1 For so much recd of Captn. Edmund Maskelyne on account of the Estate of Lieut. Jas. Symonds decd. ... — 1391 22 71			
	1 For so much recd of Captn. Edmund Maskelyne on account of the Estate of Ensign John Holt decd. ... ... — 438 19 52			

₱ Contra.

Cr.

March.				
1.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanc'd him to pay the Military ...	3540	19	37
—	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ	4500	—	—
4th.	By the Roman Female Orphan House, paid Padre Severini one years Interest, on the late President, and Council's Bond dated 21st. Febry 1745/6 for Pagodas 6000 @ 6 ₱ Cent ₱ ann.	360	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanced him to defray the Expences of the Troops abroad	7432	15	45
13th.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. paid him in part of 15000 Pagodas advanced by him the 18th. Ulto.	10000	—	—
—	By Alexr. Wynch Commissary, advanc'd him for a remittance to Camp	10000	—	—
—	By Ditto. advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad	2000	—	—
—	By Fort St. David sent thither ₱ sloop Orange Tree 72,000 fanams ...	2000	—	—
25.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. paid him in full of 15000 Pagodas advanced by him the 18th. Ulto.	5000	—	—
—	By Account Salary, paid the Honble Companys Servants their salary for the last six Months ending this day.	1833	19	40

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

DR.

March.								
	1 For so much recd of Mr. Robert Turing on account of Naval Stores left in the East Indies by his Majesty's squadron	107	9	64				
	1 For so much recd of Mr. Robert Turing on account of the Estate Major William Kinneer decd.	1008	26	58				
—	4 setts amounting to					2916	7	2
4.	To Bills of Exchange for the following setts of this date drawn on the Court of Directors at 90 days sight & their stated Exchange payable to the undermention'd persons Vizt.							

	£	s	d	Pags.	fa.	ca.
1. To Mr. John Backholtz or order value of Mr. Alexander Wynch on account of Capt. George Gardner ...	100	—	—	260	31	24
1 To Mr. Morgan Nelson or order value of himself ...	81	19	11	213	32	45
2 settet [*sic*] amounting to.	£.181	19	11	or 474	27	6[9]

℔ CONTRA.

March.				
25.	By Vizagapatam Factory, paid Mr. Richard Court as ℔ Consultation this day for 300 Baggs delivered at Vizagapatam for the Companys use in the year 1747	760	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanced him to defray the charges of the troops abroad	5702	25	24
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the charges of that Employ	550	—	—
—	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master, paid him the Ballce. of Current Pagodas in that account for last Month	42	7	20
—	By Tellisinga Chittee &ca. Merchants, advanced them for the provision of fine Goods	20000	—	—
—	By Madrass Pagodas, for the Mint Febry Ballance	72	—	—
		73793	15	6
31st.	By Ballance carried to next Month's account	11449	18	57

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Date	Particulars			
[MARCH] 9.	To Account Current London, recd of Captn. John Dalton for Permission of passage to England on the Durrington	30	—	—
13th.	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. Recd of him for Rupees sold to compleat the remittance to Camp ℔ Contra	5000	—	—
—	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court recd of the Register of the said Court, for so much paid into Cash by Charles Bourchier Esqr. Attorney to Foss Westcott Esqr. on account of the Estate of Wm. Bewes decd and is now placed to the account of the Accountant Genl. and to the Credit of the said Estate	2250	35	37
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah Permall Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd. of them one Months rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Febry last	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence recd of them one Months rent due on that Cowle the 1st. Febry last	333	12	—
25th.	To Nabob Annaverdee Cawn recd of the Commissary for so much paid him by Sampetrow on accot. of the Nabobs Debt to the Compy ...	6468	31	35
—	To Claud Russell Accountant-General of the Mayors Court recd of the Register of the said Court by virtue of an order dated 22d. Instant on account of the Estate and for the benefit of the Creditors of Bobjohn Matthews a Bankrupt	2873	21	78

℔ CONTRA—*cont.*

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Dr.		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	March	ꝑ Contra—*cont.* Cr.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
March. 25th.	To Batta, gained on the Exchange of 2000 Pagodas into Fanams at fas. ca. 42. 40 ꝑ Pagoda fans. 13000 ...	361	4	—					
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him for Rupees sold ...	19003	8	60					
—	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master recd of him the Ballce. of Madrass Pagodas in that account for last Month ... ... Mp.	72	—	—					
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd of him on his running account.	12000	—	—					
—	To John Smith Land Customer recd of him the Ballance of that account for last Month	534	34	10					
	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	85242	33	63		Star or Currt. Pags. ...	85242	33	63

MADRAS PAGODAS.

Dr. March		Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	March.	ꝑ Contra. Cr.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account	791	—	—					
25.	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint Febry. Ballance	72	—	—					
		863	—	—	31.	By Ballance carried to next Months Account.	863	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED
ꝑr. THOMAS SAUNDERS.

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Fort St. George Treasury Accounts 1754.

Arcot Rupees.

Dr.					Cr.			
1754. March.					1754. March.			
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month … …	625411	9	7	1. By Import Wareho.kr. d̃d. him for sale …	2000	—	—
					4. By Ditto … … … … … …	9000	—	—
						11000	—	—
					By Ballance … … … … … …	614411	9	7
						625411	9	7

Madrass Rupees.

Dr.					Cr.			
1754. March.					1754. March.			
1st.	To Ballance brought forward … …	8320	—	—	31st. By Ballance … … … … …	8320	—	—

Current Pagodas.

Dr.					Cr.			
1754. March.					1754. March.			
20th.	To Import Warehousekr. received of him …	12000	—	—	25. By the Hon͂ble Compys Cash paid in …	12000	—	—

Errors Excepted

₽ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

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To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We the Commander and Officers of the ship Colchester having under consideration the necessity We are under to repair the great damages Our ship has received ha[ve] now to desire your Honours would be pleased to order us to some Port which you shall think most proper for that purpose, and that your Honours may the better Judge which will be the most suitable, we think it necessary to acquaint you with the following Circumstances. During the latter part of our stay at the Negrais the ship in tending girted on her Cable[s] from whence We imagine that part of her false Keel is off, [in] that case it is very probable the Worm may have got into [her] Main Keel, and if so part thereof must be shifted. Our Main Beam we find much decay'd and apprehend that must likewise be shifted.

The Misfortunes we have met with in India has occasion'd the want of many other Repairs but from the consideration of the two above Circumstances we take the Liberty to acquaint your Honours that We are of opinion that the River of Bengal will by no means answer our purpose. We hope your Honours will be as speedy in your determination as possible and We remain

Colchester
1st. April 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Roger Mainwaring.

William Stiff *Carpenter.*
Martin Hall *Boatswain.*
John Nimmo *Gunner.*
William Kennedy *5th. Mate.*
Richard Chilton *4th. Mate.*
John Haskins *3d. Mate.*
Francis Reed *2d. Mate.*
George Bore *1st. Mate.*

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I request your Honours would be pleas'd to supply me with the sum of five thousand Pagodas for the use of the ship Colchester.

I am

Fort St. George
1st. April 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hum. Servant
Roger Mainwaring.

8 Sent by Tappies two General Letters to Fort St. David.
one Do. to Col. Scott to be left at Fort St. David.
one Do. to DeveCotah.
} all dated this day.

9 Recd. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 6th. Instt.

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Recd. by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 7th. Instt. 11

Sent Do. Do. to Do. dated this day. —

Sailed the Honble Company's ship Colchester, Roger Mainwaring for Batavia with a General Letter to the Govr. and Council there dated 12th. Instant. 13th.

Recd by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 2d. March and one from Tellicherry dated 12th. March. —

Arrived sloop Elizabeth, Frans. Stevenson, from Bengal and Fort St. David. —

Recd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 26th. Ulto. —

Do. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David, dated 11th. Inst. —

Arrived the Honble Company's sloop Syren, John Smith, from Bengall with Coll. Scott passenger and Genl. Letter from the Gentlemen there dated 19th. ulto. 15

Recd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 12th. Instt. —

Arrived snow Don Carlos, Herbert Sutherland from the Nicobars. 16

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

TUESDAY THE 16TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 8th. Instant read & sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Boddam reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letters from Fort St. David.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 68 and 73 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David, the first dated the 6th. Instant enclosing their Consultations and Monthly Accounts for February and advising that the Deputy Govr. had laid before them a Letter he recd from the Govr. of Negapatam desiring that a parcell of Goods at St. David belonging to the Dutch Company may be suffered to pass out of the Bounds without being chopp'd which he says has been customary but on examining their Consultations they cannot trace any such practice and therefore they desire Our Orders as they apprehend the complying with such request would be an inlet to Fraud, they also desire Our Orders in relation to the Repair of the Bridge mention'd in their Letter of the 16th. Febry. That their stock of Cash this day is no more than Pags. 6250. 2. 30 and therefore they desire a supply, and our complyance with two Indents enclosed for the Export and Import Warehouses. The other dated the eleventh Instant acquainting Us that since their last having been oblig'd to supply Mr. Hopkins with money for the necessary calls of his Garrison which has reduced their Cash to Pags. 3260. 30. 69, they are obliged to request a speedy supply to answer the demands from Camp and those of their Garrison.

from DeveCotah.

No. 69 and 75 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah, the first dated the 7th. and the other the 12th. Instant, advising that he had laden on two Country Boats and consign'd to us two thousand two hundred piles.

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from Bombay. N°. 70 from the Presidt. and Council of Bombay dated 2d. March, advising the receipt of Our Letter of the 24th. December that they have prevail'd on some good officers to proceed hither and that We may depend on receiving them by the first conveyance, That the plank provided for us at Callicut has been freighted to Bombay and they hope they shall be able to send it by the Fort St. David. That they are concern'd at our Disappointment in Our Northern Investmt. and the more so as they can give us no assistance being oblig'd themselves to employ the Prince Edward on Freight to Batavia whither she sail'd the 4th. Febry in Company with the Tavistock bound to the Mallabar Coast to compleat her loading for Europe. That Mahodnak Sonack seapoy sent to Our assistance in 1747 and lately return'd to Bombay had demanded his whole pay alluding that he was not paid here on which they desire Our Information.

from Tellicherry. N°. 71 from Messs. Sewell, Hodges, Wynch and Satchwell at Tellicherry dated 12th. March acquainting us that Messs. Sewell and Hodges arrived there the 3d. Jañry as Supravisors with Mr. Douills suspension from the Companys Service and when the Supravisorship is compleated Mr. Hodges is to remain in that Chiefship. That the Salisbury, Prince Edward & Tavistock sailed from thence respectively the 10th. Jañry. 28th. Febry and 3d. March, the Prince Edward for Batavia and the other two for Anjengo and Great Britain. That the Winchelsea arrived there from Bengall the 6th. Febry as did the Montfort and Stafford the 11th. March which ships were to proceed to Bombay in two or three days.

from Vizagapatam. N°. 72 from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 26th. March acknowledging the Receipt of Ours of the 19th. Febry and one from the Secretary enclosing Invoice of stores ℘ Hartop which are recd and acquainting us that Captn. Crompton died there the 24th. Ulto. and no will being found amongst his papers they apprehend he has died intestate and therefore desire Our Directions. That they have supplied Messs. Westcott and Andrews 5000 Pagodas each enclosing Cash Account for Febry.

from Bengall. N°. 74 from the President and Council of Bengal dated 19th. March acquainting us that Coll. Scott proceeds to us on the Syren sloop which they desire We will return to them as soon as possible. That in case We should be able to assist them in the month of September with 200 Bales they would dispatch one of Our Hoñble Masters ships to Europe which they strenuously recommend to us and in that Case they propose sending her up to us in August with three hundred Tons or more if possible. That agreeable to the Compys Orders last year they desire We will acquaint them what number of ships We can provide for in Jañry to be sent up half loaded from thence as well as whether We propose employing any other Compys ships on Country Voyages this year.

St. David to be wrote to. Agreed that the Indents from Fort St. David be complied with and that the Gentlemen there be acquainted We agree with them in opinion that suffering the Dutch to carry Goods out of the Compy's Bounds without being chopp'd might open a door to many frauds in the Company's Revenue, We therefore are averse to it and would have them write to the Govr. of Negapatam that they are not authorized to break thro' the Company's Establish'd Rules but that application should be made to us in such Cases.

a Lack of Rupees to be sent to St. David. Agreed that a Lack of Rupees be sent to Fort St. David by the Syren sloop.

Bengal to be wrote to. The proposal made by the Gentlemen at Bengall of dispatching a ship to Europe in September, in case We should be able to supply Bales for two hundred Tons being consider'd the Board are of opinion that it will be as advantagious to the Company to pursue the plan already laid down of loading the

Colchester entirely from hence in September and that half a ship or more if our Investment should turn out better than We have reason to expect at present, be supply'd in January and in Case a small ship would be consign'd to the Bay this season (which is probable there being two at home) the Gentlemen there may still have it in their power to send home the three hundred Tons they propose to load on the ship they offer to send us to fill up And as to the employing of any of the Companys ships this season on Freight the Board are of opinion it will be impossible, the Markets in every part of India being so overstock'd and Trade so dead that it would be attended with a certain loss of which 'tis Agreed to advise the Gentlemen in the Bay.

Ordered that the Military Paymaster examine whether Mahadnock Sonack the Seapoy mention'd in the Bombay has recd any and what pay here for the time he served on the Coast and Report to the Board.

The Mility Paymr. to report what has been paid Mahadnack Conack a Bby seapoy.

Letter from Captain Roger Mainwaring read as entered hereafter setting forth that Charles Boddam Esqr. had made a demand on him for sundry difficiency's [*sic*] by the Colchester, representing the Causes of the said difficiency's and submitting it to the Board.

Letter from Captain Mainwaring in relation to the Colchesters deficiencys.

Agreed that the said Letter be delivered to the Export Warehousekeeper and that he deliver in his answer thereto in writing.

The Export Wareho. kr. to answer it in writing.

Letter from Captain Polier de Bottens read representing that Mr. Peyer Imhoff, Lieut. of his Company being lately wounded, taken prisoner and carried to Seringham is allowed but half Batta which is very insufficient to bear his necessary Charges, that he thereupon apply'd to Major Lawrence who gave him for answer that as the Swiss Officers at Pondichery have but half Batta he could allow no more to Mr. Imhoff; which is the reason of his applying to us recommending it to our Consideration that provisions and every thing are much dearer at Seringham than at Pondicherry.

Letter from Captain Polier requesting whole instead of half Batta for Lieut. Imoff now a prisoner.

Lieutenant Smith having been allowed no more than half Batta all the time he remain'd a prisoner at Vellore, Agreed that the Swiss Officers be put upon the same footing.

The Swiss to be on the same footing as our officers prisoners who have ½ Batta.

Agreed that Captain George Gardner at Fort St. David be sent to Vizagapatam in the room of the late Captain Crompton decd.

Captn. Gardner to succeed Captn. Crompton decd at Vizagm.

The Reverend Mr. Robert Palk having been employd in the negociations at the Court of Tanjore, as one of the Commissarys in the Congress at Sadrass and on other occasions where he has always shewn the greatest Zeal for the Companys Service and a Capacity equal to his inclination, and now lately at Our and the Majors Request again undertaken to Negociate with the King of Tanjore on the present critical situation of affairs, The Board are humbly of opinion that when the nature of these services, which are no part of Mr. Palk's immediate Duty as Chaplain, are well weigh'd by our Honble Masters they will not think an Encouragement and Reward improperly bestow'd, and in this Confidence it's Agreed that Mr. Palk be presented with a Diamond Ring of the Value of one thousand Pagodas or thereabouts as soon as it can be procured, and that a proper Motto be engraved on the Ring, signifying it to be the Gift of the Company and on what occasion.

Mr. Palk to be presented with a Ring of 000 Pags. value.

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Money paid in for Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^r. paid in the 10th. Instant five thousand, 5000, Pagodas for Rupees sold for an advance to Captain Roger Mainwaring pursuant to Order of last Consultation.

One Yrs. Rent of the paddy field and salt pan paid in.

Linga Chittee and Gruapah Farmers of the paddy Fields and salt pans, pay in seven hundred and fifty (750) for one years Rent due on that farm the 1st. December last.

THO^S. SAUNDERS.
CHA^S. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
A^R. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^S. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON~~BLE~~ THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.

PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON~~BLE~~ SIR & SIRS

Charles Boddam Esqr. having made a demand upon me for a Bale of Long Cloth said to be laden on board the Colchester at this place in October 1752 over and above the number of Bales which were delivered out of the said ship at Fort S^t. David upon her arrival at that place after the disaster which she met with in the late storm; and for 39. 10. 23 (Ca. Md. lb.) of Redwood and for 28. 1. 27 (Ca. Md. lb.) of Salt Petre said to be laden on board the said ship at Fort S^t. David in March 1753 over and above the quantity's of each which were landed out of the said ship at this place. I beg leave to observe to your Honour &c^a. that with regard to the Bale of Long Cloth, The full and exact number of Bales of whatsoever kind or quality which were put on board the said ship at this place were actually delivered at Fort S^t. David to Thomas Cooke Esqr. although it is true the accounts taken by the Officer on board when the said Bales were shipp'd were destroy'd by the storm together with many other Books & papers then in the Round House, by which means I am deprived of the opportunity of giving so distinct and satisfactory an account of the Receipt of the said Bales as I would chuse to give to your Honour &c^a. but having apply'd to Charles Boddam Esqr. for the receipts given for the said Bales by the Officers on board it does not appear that the Number of Bales contain'd in these Receipts doth exceed what were delivered at Fort S^t. David, But I am indeed told that some of the Boats which carried Bales on board were in their Return overtaken by the storm and not only the Receipts but the Boats were lost, and it is very probable that as several Boats were return'd from the ship upon account of the damage they received in going off there might have been a Bale in one of those Boats which perish'd since this Calamity has therefore render'd it in a great measure impracticable to have this matter clearly determin'd. I can also assure your Honour &c^a. with the utmost truth that the same number of Bales which were received on board at this place were really delivered at Fort S^t. David.

With regard to the Redwood I beg leave to represent to your Honour &c^a. that at the time when this article was weighing off at Fort S^t. David, I did observe that the greatest part of it was hollow and being dug up out of the sand (where I had great reason to think it had been buried for a Long time) I did thereupon write to Richard Starke Esqr. the Deputy Govr. acquainting him that it was by no means reasonable to weigh off that article, as it must unavoidably happen that a very great deficiency would arise at Madrass upon account of the large quantity of sand, which did still remain in the Wood, notwithstanding the endeavours which had been taken to shake out the sand before the weight was taken, for the sand as well as the Wood were both wet. But M^r. Starke did nevertheless insist on the Redwood being weigh'd in the Condition it was, with which I was under a necessity of complying. Now to satisfy

your Honour &c^a^. that my apprehensions with regard to the deficiency of weight in this article that must arise from the quantity of sand which remain'd in it, was not ill grounded, my Officers are ready to make oath, that a very considerable quantity of sand which had fallen out of the Redwood did actually remain in the Hold, when the Wood was landed here, but further it is not this circumstance alone that I can advance to satisfy your Honour &c^a^. that I am not accountable for any deficiency which might have happen'd in the weight of the Redwood, because I can appeal to your Honour, that I was ordered to sail from this place when a great part of this article did remain unweigh'd, nor can your Honour forget that I did then desire to have this matter finish'd, before my departure, but the Orders w^h^. I did receive to repair on board immediately made that impracticable. But this I can assert that the same quantity of this article which I carried from Fort S^t^. David was actually landed there. I do therefore apprehend that your Honour &c^a^. will not insist on my making good a deficiency which I could neither know nor prevent.

And with regard to the salt petre I beg leave to offer to the consideration of your Honour &c^a^. some circumstances from which I hope it will appear that the deficiency which has happen'd in that article was what I really did foresee and therefore did point out the means by which it might have been prevented nor has this deficiency been in the least degree owing to any neglect of mine and therefore I trust that your Honour &c^a^. will judge I ought not to be made accountable for it. When this article was begun to be weigh'd off at Fort S^t^. David, I did myself object to the scales because I found that after they were on the poiz an addition of about 3 lb. to the Weights had no Effect in casting the scale, which probably did make a difference to my prejudice of so much in every draught whereupon I did apply to Thomas Cooke Esqr. acquainting him that I would not receive the salt petre by these scales and desiring him to order a better pair to be brought as I was well assured there was another pair in the Fort and which he himself did indeed acknowledge, but he absolutely did refuse to comply with this reasonable Request. I did besides apply to Richard Starke Esqr. requesting that the Boats as soon as they were loaded might immediately proceed on board, as I had the greatest reason to believe that their laying in the River after they were loaded would expose the salt petre to unavoidable Theft and Pilfering, But I do assure you Honours with great truth that these Boats notwithstanding lay all night within the Barr, by which means I do apprehend that a great deal of this article was stole nor was it in any degree within my power to prevent it, and from both these Causes this deficiency must actually have arisen, for I do assure your Honour &c^a^. that the whole quantity of salt petre which was put on board at Fort S^t^. David was delivered at this place.

Charles Boddam Esqr. did demand of me payment for a deficiency of cwt. qr. lb. 80. 3. 3 which proceeds from the Tare being computed at this place at cwt. qr. lb. 159. 1. 20 whereas the Tare allowed at Fort S^t^. David was only cwt. qr. lb. 107. —. 16 which at the rate of 8 lb. for the double Bagg and hope your Honour &c^a^. will think it consistent with reason that the Tare should be ascertain'd at the rate it was allowed at Fort S^t^. David which reduces the difficiency to the quantity of cwt. qr. lb. 28. 1. 27. I have the Honour to remain

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Roger Mainwaring.

Fort S^t^. David.
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17TH. Sailed ship Eagle, William Moor, for Bengal with a General Letter to the President and Council dated yesterday.

18 Recd by Pattamars General Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 2d. and from Ingeram dated the 6th. Instant.

— Sent by peons General Letter to the Govr. and council Negapatam acquainting them with the advices We have this day recd from Vizagapatam of the Morattas having burnt & destroy'd the Factory at Bimblipatam.

19 Arrived ship Elai Bux, Alavadee Mahomed, from Tenasseree.

— Do. Ketch Bon Voyage, Lewis Caldeire, from Pegue.

— Sail'd Brigantine St. Rheta, John Guarandel for Do.

— Do. ship Porto Constão, Caetano Gonsalvo, for Bengall.

— Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David & DeveCotah both dated this day.

20 Sailed snow Charming Polly, George Ivie for the Niccobars.

— Recd. by pattamar, Genl. Letter from Bandarmalka dated 4th. Instt.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 22D.

CHARLES BODDAM.	HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 16th. Instant read and sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letters.

General Letters read Vizt.

from Vizagapatam.

No. 76 from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam dated 2d. Instant acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter of the 25th. Ulto. by the Cuddalore sloop which they were about to dispatch to the Negrais the day their Letter is dated also advising us that Bobily Rangarow who accompany'd the Nabob when he left that province was return'd with a large Body of Morattas having forced his way thro' a large body of Viziaramrauz's people, that they had burnt Vizianagaram from whence they proceeded to Bimblepatam to which they also set fire as well as to the Dutch Factory there which oblig'd the Dutch to quit it precipitately that on receiving this news they immediately sent a party of peons with Pallankeens to assist the Dutch Gentlemen and met them about two in the morning between Bimblepatam & Waltier. That the Dutch Chief being desirous of seeing whether any thing was recoverable out of the ruins, they were equipping a small sloop to carry him thither. That the Rajah's people are yet in Vizianagaram Fort, but they had quitted that of Relly, and the Morattas are burning every village that belongs to him. That they are advised the Rajah is yet settling some affairs with the French at Metchelepatam and has engag'd to pay them eighteen Lack of Rupees Yearly for Rajahmundrum & Chicakull Countrys and to deliver them all the Forts the Moors possessed. That many of the Rajah's people are in Vizagapatam as well as the Nabob's family to whom they shew all the Civilities they can and shall endeavour to act so as not to offend either party.

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No. 77 from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 6th. Instant acknowledging the Receipt of Our Letter of the 25th. March and advising us of the incursions of the Morattas and their Devastation to the same Effect as the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam write in their foregoing Letter. Enclosing the Monthly accounts for Febry. Cloth on hand 229 corge 10 pieces. from Ingeram.

No. 78 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated the 4th. Instant enclosing the Monthly accounts of that settlement for March. from Bandarmalanka.

The Gentlemen at St. David being in want of Cash and as the Syren sloop may not be dispatch'd so soon as was intended AGREED that ten thousand Pagodas be remitted them by Bill and that ten thousand Pagodas more be remitted to Major Lawrence by Bills (if procurable) on Tanjore for the use of the army. 10000 Pags. to be remitted by Bill to St. David. and 10000 Pagodas to the Major.

The Import Warehousekr. lays before the Board (as entered hereafter) an account sale of five hundred & fifty four Bales of the Honble Compys Broad Cloth some Imboss'd cloth and Flannels sold at outcry on the usual Terms the 10th. Instant amountg. in the whole to sixty one thousand one hundred (61100) Pagods. he also Reports that the rest of the Broad Cloth was likewise put up to sale at the same time but no bidders offered for any more. Accot. sale o' part of the Compys Broad Cloth deliver'd in.

ORDERED that the same be put up again to Sale on Friday the 10th. day of May next and that Notice be publish'd thereof as usual. the remainder to be put up the 10th. May.

The Secretary (at Coll. Scott desire) lays before the Board and [*sic*] account of his (the Colonels) charges in coming hither from Bengal amounting to five hundred (500) Pagodas ORDERED that the Mility Paymr. discharge the same. Coll. Scott charges in coming hither from Bengal to be paid.

The petition of Roockomaney and Aubeyly Caw widows, setting forth that their Husbands were seapoys in Aunobey Sings Company and serv'd the Company upwards of six years, but being sent out with Ensign Paccard last Month were unfortunately killed in a late Action leaving the petitioners in very distress'd circumstances, therefore they pray such Relief as the Board shall think proper. two Seapoys widows potition for an allowance

The Board are of opinion that the Gratuity of pensions to seapoys Widows may open a door to numberless applications of this kind and become very burthensome to the Company, it is therefore thought more adviseable to give them a Trifle and dismiss AGREED that they have ten Pagods. each and that the Military Paymaster discharge the same. Ten Pagodas each to be given them.

Altho' the low state of the Treasure and the great and constant demands for the use of the Army will not at present admit of any considerable advances to the Compys. merchants on account of the Investment, yet as the season approaches in which the arrival of ships with supplys of money from Europe may be expected the Board took under consideration the Investment for the present year, and it is with the utmost concern they find it necessary to observe here for the Information of our Honble Masters, that tho' they are thoroughly sensible of it's decline, yet they cannot perceive any means of restoring it to a flourishing state untill peace be establish'd in this province where a cruel War hath so long rag'd that Towns which once abounded with Inhabitants and artificers are now become desolate. These facts being well known the Board are satisfy'd that the Compy's Merchants have used their best Endeavours in the provision of last year's Investment, & that any further Representation can be but of little service, yet to keep up to the annual Custom of calling them before the Board they were sent for and the President after laying before them the state of their last Investment compared with those of former Years and observing the great difference acquainted them that he was sensible the plea would Investment for the present year consider'd. Merchants called before the Board.

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be the Troubles in the Country which certainly must be admitted as a very good reason for a considerable deminution, but at the same time he represented to them that as they and their forefathers had long enjoy'd the Happyness of living under the protection of English Laws which abhor Tyrrany and oppression it behoved ym. in this time of general Calamity to be less mindful of a present pecuniary advantage than of acquiring by their Endeavours to encrease and promote an Investment, a Reputation which on the Reestablishment of peace will redoun'd tenfold to their Representation & profit, he concluded with telling them that We had reason to expect sufficient supplys by the ships of this season to enable us to make them ample advances & in the mean time he exhorted them to be taking such measures as that they may be then ready to pursue their Business with Vigour.

The last year setts continued for the present year.

To which they reply'd that they had exerted themselves to the utmost and should continue to do so & assured the Board that if the only advantages they reap'd from being compys. Merchants were the profit they made by the Investment they should not hesitate a moment to decline the Employ, but that as the Reputation of it brought them some benefit in their other private dealings on which they considered still as derived from the Company, they thankfully would pursue the business of the Investment to the utmost of their abilitys. They then Withdrew.

Money pd. in for Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Impo. Warehos.kr. pays in Pags. 12162. 5 fa. 68 ca. for Rupees sold.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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ACCOT. SALE OF THE HONBLE EAST INDIA COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH by publick Outcry upon the following Conditions.

1ST. The Goods are to be exposed to View at the Godown.

2. The purchaser of any Goods shall be allowed twelve months time to clear them or any parcell of them out of the Warehouse without paying Rent or allowance for Warehouse Room.

3. The Buyer on paying the amount of his Goods or any part thereof shall have such parcell or Goods delivered to him and no Goods whatever to be delivered 'till the Money is actually paid.

4. An allowance or Discount shall be made to the Buyer of nine ₩ cent if paid in before the Expiration of six Months from the commencement of the sale, and an allowance in like manner shall be made of three ₩ Cent if paid in after six Months and before the expiration of twelve Months from the commencement of the sale aforesaid.

5. After the expiration of twelve Months if any Goods remain unclear'd according to the conditions aforesaid such Goods shall be put up at publick auction and sold for ready Money and if any Loss is occasioned thereby the prior purchaser shall be oblig'd to make good the same.

6. If any person shall fail to make payment within twelve Months as aforesaid for any Goods bought by him he shall not be permitted to be Buyer at any future sale untill he has made full satisfaction for such his non payment.

7thly. All persons whatever without distinction shall be free to purchase at the Companys auction upon the Terms abovewritten.

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The time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice price.	Price put up at	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
10th. April 1754.	Aurora	Bales 2 } 6					
	Ordiny Red ..	Do. 2	Pags. 498 15 12	Pags. 574	Pags. 575	Pags. 575	.. Comrapah Chitty.
	Green	Do. 2					
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Ditoo.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Arnachilum.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Vencoo.
	Aurora	Bales 2 } 6					
	Ordinary Red ..	Do. 2				576	.. Ramah Lingha Chitty.
	Green	Do. 2					
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Singanah.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Arnachilum.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Bussapah Chitty
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Singanah.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Narrain Chitty.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Vencoo.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Arnachillum.
	Do.	Do. 6				576	.. Sealah Chitty.
	Do.	Do 6				575	.. Vellapah.
	Do.	Do. 6				575	.. Do.
	Do.	Do. 6				575	.. Do.
	Carried over ..	Bales 96				Pags. 9212	

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	Brought over ..	Bales	96			Pags. 9212	
10th April ..	Green	Do.	6	Pags. 498 15 12	Pagodas 574	575	Vellapah.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Permal Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Cullavah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Ramah Linga Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Vellapah.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Pollonah Chitty.
	Aurora	Do.	2 }				
	Ordinary Red	Do.	2 } 6		Pagodas 575	575	Do.
	Green	Do.	2 }				
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Nella Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Triumbalah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Vencoo
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Shevapah.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Bussopah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Sheva pah.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Vellapah.
							Do.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Velladum.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Vera Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Ateshire Vencaty Rama Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	Beravah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	6			575	
	Carried over ..	Bales	300			Pags. 28762	

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The time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or quantity.	Invoice price.	price put up at	Amount of each lot.		To whom sold.
	Brought over ..	Bales 300			Pags. 28762		
10th April ..	Green ..	D°. 6	Pags. 498 15 12	Pags. 574	D°. 575		Nellavanda Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		Condapah Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		Bussopah Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		D°.
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		Subiah
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		Bussopah Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 575		D°.
	Aurora	D°. 2 }					
	Ordiny Red	D°. 2 } 6			D°. 575		Tomback Narrain Chitty
	Green	D°. 2 }					
						33,362	
	Aurora	D°. 3 } 6	Pags. 526 46	Pags. 605	D°. 606		
	Red	D°. 3 }					Bossapah Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 606		Vellapah
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 606		Cullavah Chitty
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 606		D°.
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 606		D°.
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 606		D°.
	D°.	D°. 6			D°. 609		D°.
						4245	
	Aurora	D°. 4	Pags. 407 [illegible] 72	Pagodas 469	D°. 471		Shevapah.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		D°.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		D°.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		D°.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		D°.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		Velladum.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 471		Vencoo.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Bussopah Chitty.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Shevapah.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Vencoo.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Cullavah Chitty.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Ditto.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Narrain Chitty.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Permal Chitty.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 470		Shivapah.
	D°.	D°. 4			D°. 472		Mr. Passwater.
						7529	
	Carried over ..	Bales 454			Pags. 45136		

The time of sale.	Quality of the goods.	Lot or quantity.			Invoice price.				Price put up at.		Amount of each lot.			To whom sold.
	Brought over ..	Bales		454							Pags.		45136	
10th. April 1754.	Ordinary Blue ..	Bales	5		Pags.	407	34	70	Pags.	470	Pagods.	633		Arnachillum.
	Do. ..	Do.	5						Do.			633		Do.
	Do. ..	Do.	5						Do.			649		Arnagady Chitty.
	Do. ..	Do.	5						Do.			650		Velladum.
	Do. ..	Do.	5						Do.			651		Arnachillum.
		Bales	—	25								——	3216	
	Ordinary yellow ..	Do.	4		Pags.	312	29	32	Pags.	360	Pagods.	522		Ramah Linga Chitty.
	Do. ..	Do.	4						Do.			523		Arnagady Chitty.
		Bales	—	8								——	1045	
	Ordinary Emerald Green.	Do.	5		Pags.	396	24		Pags.	457	Pagods.	498		Mootah Comrapah.
	Do.	Do.	4			317	12		Do.	364		401		Do.
		Bales	—	9								——	899	
	Scarlet	Do.	4		Pags.	449	6		Pags.	517	Pagods.	657		Mootah Comrapah Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	4						Do.			657		Do.
	Do.	Do.	4						Do.			670		Ramah Linga Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	3		Pags.	336	31	40	Pags	388		500		Arnagady Chitty.
		Bales	—	15								——	2484	
	Blue fine	Pags.	3		Pags.	264	21	30	Pags.	305	Pags.	393		Ramah Linga Chitty.
	Do.	Do.	2		Do.	176	14	20	Do.	203		271		Mootah Comrapah Chitty.
		Bales	—	5								——	664	
	Yellow fine	Lo.		3	Pags.	248	27	—	P. gs.	287			307	Vencataisha Chitty.
	Perpetuanoes fine ..	Do.	3		Do.	414	20	2	Do.	477		639		Subiah.
	Do. ..	Do.	2		Do.	276	12	28	Do.	318		426		Do.
	Do. Broad ..	Do.	2		Do.	497	17	—	Do.	573		675		Naganah.
	Do. do. ..	Do.	2		Do.				Do.			675		Do.
	Perpetuanoes Ordiny...	Do.	4		Do.	396	35	20	Do.	457		458		Cullava Chitty.
	Do. ..	Do.	4		Do.				Do.			458		Do.
	Do. ..	Do.	4	—	Do.				Do.			500	3331	Vencataisha Chitty.
		Bales	—	21										
	Carried over ..	Bales		540							Pags.		57582	

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The time of sale.	Quality of the goods.	Lot of quantity.			Invoice price.				Price put up at.		Amount of each lot.		To whom sold.
	Brought over ..	Bales	540								Pag^s. 57582		
10th. April 1754.	Perpetuanoes Ordinary.	Bales	4		Pag^s.	396	35	20	Pag^s.	457	483		Cullavah Chitty.
	D^o.	D^o.	4		D^o.	628	—	60	D^o.	723	814		Comrapah Chitty.
	D^o.	D^o.	4		D^o.	629	13	10	D^o.	724	825		Singanah.
	D^o.	D^o.	2		D^o.	316	21	—	D^o.	365	421		D^o.
			—								——	2543	
	Flannels culjeed ..	P^s.	10		Pag^s.	147	8	20	Pag^s.	170	189		Condah Chitty.
	D^o. ..	D^o.	10								190		Vencaty Chitty.
	D^o. ..	D^o.	10								201		D^o.
	D^o. ..	D^o.	10								203		Condah Chitty.
			—	40 p^s.							——	783	
	Imboss'd cloth ..			6	Pag^s.	130	18	—	Pag^s.	151		152	Narrain Chitty.
	Shalloons			5		33	27	—	Pag^s.	39		40	Comrapah Chitty.
		Bales	554	p^s. 51							Pagods.	61100	

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Errors Excepted

℘ Henry Powney

Import Wareh^o.k^r.

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Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David and DeveCotah both dated this day. 22

Recd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 18th. Instt. 26

Do. from Fort St. David 25th. Do. 27

Remitted the Reverend Mr. Palk at Tanjore ten thousand Pagodas by Bills on the shroffs there, enclosed in a Letter from the Secretary. —

Arrived ship St. Antonie, Manoel de fernandes, from Mocao Fort St. David and Pondicherry. 28

Recd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 27th. Inst. 29

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 29TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDER WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the table.

* Colonel Caroline Frederick Scott being present represents to the Board that the present method at St. David of the Military Paymasters paying for Materials for makg. Military stores and also the method of bringing those stores to account and settling a price upon them is very irregular, he therefore desires that Orders may be given for conducting that Branch, and the accounts relating to it in the same manner as is practised here.

* Vide Extra Occurr: of this day. Coll. Scott represents an Irregularity in the Mility. stores at St. David.

AGREED that the Paymaster and Military Storekeeper meet in a Committee with Coll. Scott to-morrow to consider whether the present Method of paying for and issuing of Materials and bringing to account the Military Stores when made, is proper and regular and also to consider whether the present Method of supplying the Compy. with Bricks and Chunam is the most for their advantage or whether any better Method can be found and to lay before the Board in Writing the Result of their Enquiry.

Coll. Scott the Paymr. and Mility Storekr. a committee to regulate Materials &ca. and Report.

Colonel Scott then desired to withdraw.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 22d. Instant read and sign'd.

Mr. Alexander Wynch reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complt.

Hospital reported.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 79 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 18th. Instant acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 8th. and 11th. Instant, and acquainting us in answer to what We wrote touching his Investment, that there are Long Cloths wove in the Chially country of 12 and 9 Call, the first at sixty three pagodas and an half ₱ Corge, and the other at forty six and an half, but he is no judge what proportion these prices bear to those given at St. David, that of these two species alone Arnachillum Moodely a Chially Merchant promises to bring in for the first year six hundred Corge and to encrease the quantity every Year. That he will rectify his accounts as we direct with respect to Charges on the Nabob's account and observe that method in future. That Mr. Palk arrived there the 13th. and set forward on his Journey to Tanjore the 15th. That in consequence of Our Directions he has placed Hircarrahs on the Roads to Seringham and Mahauphoos Cawn's camp for Intelligence for his and the Enemy's Motions, but he has not yet heard from Ensign Paccard.

General Letters from DeveCotah.

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That on the arrival of that detachm^t. he will return them to us by the Dragon sloop, which vessell in the meantime he has employ'd in carrying Piles to S^t. David. That he will observe our directions in regard to the Military and Seapoys, but apprehends that We do not mean that no more than the number We limit him 100 should be raised, when by the strength of the Enemy in the neighbourhood that number may be scarcely sufficient for the defence of the Fort, enclosing the Monthly papers for March.

Fort St. David. N°. 80 and 81 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort S^t. David the first dated the 25th. Instant acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 8th. Instant and advising us that they shall in a few days acquaint us with their Merchants proposals regarding the Investment and as soon as they receive our permission for making them any advances they will use their utmost Endeavours to forward that Work. That they desire Our directions in regard to the Ballances due to Irshippa Chitty and Linga Chitty Viz^t. to the first Pag^s. 3226. 31. 62 to the latter 2457. 3. 66 which they hoped might have given us sufficient proofs of their care to reduce all Debts at the end of the year. In regard to the lateness of their annual address they say we might have had it in Decem^r. if they thought we would have accepted it with the papers that accompany'd it, particularly the account of the Investm^t. which cou'd not be done sooner, as great part of the Investm^t. was not brought in till late in February. In regard to the remark in our last as to the advance made the Washers in Febry. and placed to Charges Merchandize instead of the new Method We have prescrib'd, they assure us it was rather a Ballance due to them than an advance, as there was more cloth embal'd that Month than they owed. That the Stewards Acco^t. Furniture shall be settled as We direct. That they have acquainted the Trivendeporum Renters with what we direct in regard to them, and they offer to take the most solemn Oath as to their Losses by the Enemy but as they are unacquainted with the Form of an Oath they desire Our Orders. That they are greatly distress'd for want of Copper Cash, and desire our permission to coin some at Cuddalore. That the reason they sent no more than fifty Bales on the Dragon sloop was that their Bales being mostly brown Cloth were much larger than those from the Northward & the Syrang said he could not take in any more, but no private Merchandize went on or any thing else except some Household Furniture belonging to M^r. Drake which he is ready to pay freight for. That the want of regular Invoices, pleaded as a Reason for not Ballancing the DeveCotah Books, is a mere pretence, since their Accountant sent M^r. Dawson in Septemb^r. last an Account Current and Extracts at large of the several Journal Entries. That they shall send M^r. Hopkins to the amount of 500 Pagodas in fanams and as they expend to the amount of two thousand Pagodas Monthly, they request We will supply them. That on Col^l. Scott's arrival they will shew him all due honours. That their Ferry Boat being old and decay'd they request our permission to build a new one the Expence whereof as ℔ M^r. Calls Estimate enclosed is seventy four Pagod^s. thirty four fanams. The Second is dated the 27th. Instant and acknowledging the receipt of our Remittance of 10000 Pagodas and acquaints us that they have acquainted Captain Gardner of our having appointed him to proceed to Vizagapatam; that he is at present ill and confin'd to his appartment, but as soon as he is able will set out. That they have acquainted M^r. Hopkins of our permission to write off the shells and our directions concerning Lieutenant Fraser and Ensign Scotney.

A lack of Rupees to be sent to St. David & that Settlement to be wrote to. Agreed that a Lack of Rupees be sent to Fort S^t. David by the Syren if Colonel Scott has no immediate occasion for that Vessell (of which the Secrety. is ordered to inform himself) otherwise that it be remitted by Bills and that the Gentlemen there be advised We have no objection to their discharging the Ballance due to Irshippa Chitty and Linga Chitty. That as the arrival of the

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Europe ships is near at hand when we may expect to receive a supply of copper We do not think it proper to permit them to coin any copper Cash, as We propose them to coin a proper quantity and supply them. That they have our permission for Building a new Ferry Boat agreeable to the Estimate they sent us.

On perusing the DeveCotah Accounts it is observed that considerable sums are expended Monthly in Fortifications and Repairs tho' no directions have ever been given for making any alterations or additions to the Fort. It is also observed that 103 p[s]. of Dungeree amounting to 64 Pagod[s]. are charg'd as used in the Garrison for the Month of February which is extraordinary both in quantity and price. **Some Irregulartỹs observed in the Deve-Cotah accounts.**

Agreed that M[r]. Hopkins be ordered in future not to set about any Repairs whatsoever without Our permission and that whenever any alterations or amendments are necessary an Estimate be drawn out and transmitted to Us for our approbation, that he be ordered likewise not to raise any seapoys without our Leave; That he be also required to send us a particular account in what manner 103 pieces of Dungaree could be expended in one Month for the use of that Garrison and of what kind of Dungaree. **Directions thereon.**

Ordered that the Export Warehousekeeper examine and compare the assortment and prices of the Chially cloth mention'd by M[r]. Hopkins in his Letter read this day with the same sortment and prices of Chially cloth provided at Fort S[t]. David and report the difference to the Board. **The Devecotah musters to be compar'd by the Expo. Wareho. Kr. wth. the St. David Cloth & report the difference in price.**

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board an account of Military stores, decay'd, broken, wasted by Rust &c[a]. for the last year amounting to seven hundred and seventy two pagodas, nineteen fanams and fifty four Cash, also an account of sundry Military stores that were issued for the service of Nabob Annaverde Cawn and return'd again but in a very bad condition and many of them useless. **Accot. of decay'd Milĩty Stores produced.**

Ordered that the Military Storekeeper, Captain John Brohier of the Train and Captn. Edmund Maskelyne, at present Commandant, examine the several particulars in the said account and report to the Board the condition of the same. **To be survey'd and reported.**

In consequence of a Recommendation from our Hoñble Masters, the Board in Consultation the 29th. Septemb[r]. 1752 having reinstated Jaggoo the son of Narrain in the management of the pagoda in Chindadreepettah on condition that he paid yearly into the Companys Cash the sum of two thousand (2000) Pagodas in discharge of a Ballance of 12576. 10. 30 (Pags. fas. Ca.) due from his late father and Chintomby to the Company. The Secrẽty now lays before the Board an account, as entered hereafter delivered him by the said Jaggoo of the Dutys collected & Disbursements on account of the said Pagoda for the Year 1752 the Receipts amounting in the whole to 722. 21. 60 (Pags. fa. Ca.) & the Disbursements for Repairs, Maintenance of Bramineys and other necessary charges of the pagoda to 421. 39. 55 (Pags. fa. Ca.) so that there remains a Ballance of no more than three hundred Pagodas, twenty six fanams and twenty Cash; the Secretary also acquaints the Board that the said Jaggo represents that many people have refused to pay the ancient & accustom'd Duties which if they were rigidly collected might amount to a considerable larger sum. **Produce of the dutỹs collected at Chintadre-pettah pagoda for the year 1752 laid before the Board.**

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A Balance of Pag^s. 300 to be paid into Cash.

The management of that pagoda taken from Jaggoo & put under the direction of the Secretary.

Pags. fa^s. ca.

ORDERED that the said Ballance of 300. 26. 20 be paid into the Honble Companys Cash and carried to the Credit of the said Narrain and Chintomby's account. That an account of what has been collected and paid for the year 1753 be also forthwith drawn out and the Ballance in like manner paid into Cash, and that in future the Secretary take on him the management of the said Pagoda, that is to say to collect the Duties according to the ancient Establishment and allow thereout what may be reasonable for the maintenance and support of the pagoda and pay the Ballance yearly or oftner into the Honble Company's Cash and in case any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay the said Dutys, he is hereby empowered to levy the same by distress.

Quarter Master Serjeant petition for an additional allowance of P. 4 ℔ Mo. Granted.

Petition of John Winnard read setting forth that he has done the Duty of Quarter Master Serjeant without any additional pay and praying for the usual allowance of four Pagodas a Month for executing that Office, which is ORDER'D to be paid him accordingly.

Publick Notice to be given that the Presidt. will receive proposals for letting the Poonemallee country for the year ensuing.

The Cowle of the Poonemalee Country expiring the 1st. of July next ORDERED that publick notice be affix'd at the Gates that all persons who may be inclin'd to form the same for the ensuing Year may wait on the President with their proposals.

Paupa Braminy & Permal Moodeliar with their papers to be seiz'd.

The President acquaints the Board that a paper relating to Triplicane Pagoda which was deposited in the Companys Cash chest at the time this Settlement fell into the hands of the French having lately been delivered to the Bramineys of the said Pagoda by Paupa Braminey, it is not improbable that many other papers of a publick nature and relating to the Company's affairs before the loss of this Settlement may have come to his possession by the same means, it is also equally probable that many such papers may have fallen into the hands of Permal Moodelaire who acted as Dubash to the French whilst they remain'd in possession of this place which papers they might have an opportunity of secreting if they were to be demanded of them, it is therefore AGREED that the said Paupah Braminey and Permal Moodelaire be seiz'd and secured with all their papers and kept in confinement untill discharg'd by an order from this Board or from the President and the Secretary is directed to sign an order in the name of the Board, to Captn. Edmund Maskelyne Commandant, to send an Officer with a proper Guard to seize the said Paupa Braminey and Permal Moodelair with their papers accordingly which papers are then to be delivered in the Secretary's office to be examin'd.

Monthly accounts read.

Mint.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master reads that account for last Month Ballance then remaining in the Mint five hundred and eighty nine arcot Rupees, eight annaes (589. 8) and forty seven (47) Madrass Pagodas, the last of which are now paid into Cash, and due to the Mint fifty two Current Pagodas, eighteen fanams (52. 18) which are paid him.

Export Warehouse.

Charles Boddam Export Warehousekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him three hundred and eighty two pagodas, six fanams and seventy one Cash (382. 6. 71) which is carried forward.

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Charles Boddam Paymaster reads that account for last Month Viz[t]. Paymaster.

Charges Garrison	Pag[s].	233	2	10
Charges Hospital		1045	4	8
Peons and Servants Wages		375	20	—
Charges General		79	26	47
Charges Extraordinary		306	27	12
Repairs		1538	18	18
Fortifications		616	1	13
Poonemalee &c[a]. Villages		26	23	4
S[t]. Thomé &c[a]. Villages		23	33	36
Allowances of the Court of Request		12	12	—
Household Necessarys		44	21	—
Charges Cattle		66	24	—
Charges Diet		583	12	—
		4952	8	68

Ballance due from him one thousand three hundred and seventy Pagodas, fourteen fanams and seventy six Cash (1370. 14. 76) which is carried forward.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him seven thousand six hundred and thirty seven Pagodas, thirty fanams and thirty two Cash (7637. 30. 32) which is carried forward. Sea customer.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek[r]. reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him four thousand four hundred and twenty six Pagodas, thirty three fan[s]. and fifty seven Cash (4426. 33. 57) which is carried forward. Impo. Ware-ho. k[r].

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him nine hundred thirty one Pagodas, twenty fanams and fifty one Cash (921. 20. 51) [*sic*] which is carried forward. Storehouse.

John Smith Land Customer reads that acco[t]. for last Month Ballance due from him four hundred twenty five Pagodas and forty nine Cash (425. —. 49) which he now pays in. Land Customer.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him fifty Pagodas twenty four fanams and ten Cash (50. 24. 10) which is carried forward. Mility Paymaster.

Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him four hundred and sixty nine Pagodas thirty fanams and forty eight Cash (469. 30. 48) which is carried forward. Mility Storekeeper.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journall Parcells for the month of February. Journal parcells.

The Engineers account of Expences of Fortifications, Repairs &c[a]. for last Month is also laid before the Board. Engineers account.

Charles Bourchier Rental Gen[l]. and Scavenger delivers in as entered hereafter the accounts of those Revenues collected by him and M[r]. John Smith late Rental Gen[l]. and Scavenger on the Roll ending 31st. August 1752, the Ballances whereof due from him after deducting the bad Debts respectively set forth in those accounts which for the reasons there also assign'd he is permitted to write off, are Viz[t]. Rental & Gen[l]. & Scavengers acco[t]. deliver'd in.

On the Rental General account	380	10	—
On the Scavengers account	229	25	33
	609	35	33

which being near expended in the Monthly charges since August last, he is to pay out of the first Moneys that come in on the Roll for the year ending the 31st. August 1753.

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Money pd. in for Rupees sold. Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper paid in the 25th. Instant five thousand (5000) Pagodas and the 27th. Instant five thousand Pagodas to be remitted to Camp as ₽ last Consultation.

Rent on the followg. Farms paid in. Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permal Kellava Chitty pay in the following sums on account of the undermention'd farms Vizt.

Beetle & Tobacco. For one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ulto. six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fans.

Arrack & Wine. For one Months Rent of the arrack and Wine Licence due the 1st. Ulto. three hundred thirty three Pagodas, twelve fans. (333. 12.)

Measuring. For six Months Rent of the Measuring farm due five hundred (500) Pagodas.

Rent of the Town Brokerage pd. in. For six Months Rent of the Town Brokerage farm due the 1st. Ultimo three hundred and fifty (350) Pagodas.

Impo. Wareho. kr. pays in on his running account & for Rupees sold. Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in four thousand (4000) Pagodas on his running account and six thousand three hundred and fifty one Pagodas, tweleve fanams and fifty two Cash (6351. 12. 52) for Rupees sold.

Sea Customer pays in on his running account. Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running account.

Advances made to the Paymaster. AGREED that the following advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Paymaster four thousand (4000) Pagodas for the charges of that Employ.

Military Paymr. To the Military Paymaster five thousand five hundred and forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (5540. 19. 37) to pay the Military.

Commissary. To the Commissary six thousand three hundred and fifty one Pagodas, twelve fanams and fifty two Cash (6351. 12. 52) to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Milĩty storekr. To the Military Storekeeper five hundred (500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

The confinement of Paupah Braminey & Permall Moodelaire, I dissent to Judging them undeserving thereof, the other part of the same Paragraph & Consultation I approve. } CHS. BOURCHIER.

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JOHN SMITH, RENTAL GENERAL.

Dr.						Cr.		
				1753. April				
To the amount of the Rent Roll from 1st. September 1751 to the 31st. August 1752	1462	11	—	30.	By Servants Wages paid from 1st. September 1752 to 30th. April, is eight Months	41	22	—
					By Charles Bourchier Rental General for the Ballance to be accounted for by him	1420	25	—
					Pagodas ...	1462	11	—

JOHN SMITH, SCAVENGER.

DR.

Date	Particulars					Pagodas		
	To the amount of the Rent Roll from 1st. September. 1751 to 31st. August 1752					697	24	—
1752. Novr. 20.	To Cash recd in Consultation.	Pags.	200	—	—			
Decr. 19.	To Do. do.		100	—	—			
Febry. 5	To Do. do.		200	—	—			
March 5	To Do. do.		100	—	—			
April 30	To Do. do.		100	—	—			
						700	—	—
	Pagodas ...					1397	24	—

CR.

Date	Particulars					Pagodas		
1753. April 30.	By servants Wages paid from 1st. Septr. 1752 to 30th. April 1753 is 8 Months	Pags. 142	5	40				
	By Tower, Straw &ca. for feeding the Buffaloes from 1st. September 1752 to 30th. April 1753 is 8 Months	234	1	40				
	By Buffaloes bought, mending Carts & other incident charges	57	1	40				
	By scavengers allowance for 8 Months	80	—	—				
						513	8	40
	By Charles Bourchier scavenger for the Ballance to be accounted for by him					884	15	40
	Pagodas ...					1397	24	—

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ JOHN SMITH,
Rental Genl. & Scavenger.

CHARLES BOURCHIER, RENTAL GENERAL.

Dr.					
1738. April 30th.	To John Smith Esqr. Rental General for the Ballance due from him on the Roll for the year ending 31st. August 1752 … … …	1420	25	—

					Cr.
1753. August 31st.	By servants Wages paid from 1st. May 1752 to 31st. August is 4 Months … … …	21	28	—
	By Bad Debts, Houses, Gardens &ca. at present not inhabited or else possess'd by people really poor & in no visible Capacity of paying … …	18	23	—
Octr. 8th.	By Cash paid in Consultation … … …	1000	—	—
	By Ballance … … … … … …	380	10	—
	Pagodas …	1420	25	—

Errors Excepted.

℔ Charles Bourchier,

Rental Genl.

Fort St. George 29th. April 1754.

Chs. Bourchier, Scavenger.

Dr.

Date	Particulars	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1753. April 30.	To John Smith Esqr. Scavenger for the Ballance due from him	884	15	40
		884	15	40

Cr.

Date	Particulars	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.	Pa.	Fa.	Ca.
1753. August 31st.	By Servants Wages from 1st. May to 31st. August is 4 Mos. ...	102	15	—			
	By Tower, Straw &ca., for feeding the Buffaloes for Do.	136	11	—			
	By mending Carts, & other incident charges for Do.	10	14	—			
	By scavengers allowance for 4 Months	40	—	—			
	By the amount of scavengers Duty unreceived on Houses and Gardens at present not inhabited or else possess'd by people really poor and in no visible capacity to pay.	7	16	—			
					296	26	—
	By Ballance				587	31	40
	Pagodas ...				884	15	40

Fort St. George 29th. April 1754.

Errors Excepted.

℔ Charles Bourchier,

Scavenger.

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Rents and Revenues of Chintadry Pettah for Months Vizt.

			fas.	ca.
To fees of Goods Exported	Pags.	322	32	75
To Do. Imported		40	38	75
To Do. of Brokerage		180	36	60
Do. of Mettoes		79	—	5
Do. of Coral Merchants		9	42	—
Do. of Choultry		8	22	55
Do. of Boat fellows		6	20	—
Do. of Head Cooleys		2	—	—
Do. from Washerman		7	—	—
Do. from Wood Banksall Cooleys ...		1	21	—
Do. from Painters		1	13	40
Do. of Beetle and Tobacco at Chintadree Petta		42	38	40
Rent on Coconut Trees		19	20	40
Pagodas ...		722	21	60

Sundry Disbursements made for 12 Months Expences of two Churches.

	Pags.	fas.	ca.			
Paddy	106	185	—			
Smelling stuff of several sorts	1	629	75			
Lamp and Gingel Oyl	12	309	55			
Milk &ca.	—	40	40			
Firewood	—	204	—			
Feast Charges	13	551	25			
Repairing the Church &ca. Charges	79	68	60			
Writing a petition to the Fort St. David Govr.	2	—	—			
Brokerage Conicoply Moodoo Chennah a Tarbit.	1	11	—			
Pabboo Chitty ... ... Do. ...	1	10	40			
Musick Man	—	30	—			
Wages of 10 Bramineys servants of the Church	—	886	—			
do. of 1 Do. bringing flowers	—	176	—			
do. of 1 Conicoply Godown keeper	—	288	—			
of 1 musickman	—	432	—			
of 1 singing Man	—	288	—			
of 1 Dancing Man	—	216	—			
of 1 Cooley	—	110	—			
of 10 Musicians	—	432	—			
of a Washerman	—	200	—			
of 3 Gardners	—	500	—			
of 8 Conicoplys	53	1462	40			
		fas.				
	268	6813	15 @			
fanams 44.15 ℔ Pagoda	153	39	40			
				421	39	55
Cash remaining			Pags.	300	26	20
			Pagodas ...	722	21	60

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EXTRAORDINARY EXPENCES IN THE PAYMASTERS ACCOUNT ARE IN THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MARCH 31ST. 1754.

CHARGES GARRISON	7	16	17
HOSPITAL CHARGES Arised from making Cloaths for the sick People	829	11	8
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	306	27	12
REPAIRS	1538	18	18
FORTIFICATIONS	616	1	13
POONEMALLEE &CA. Villages	26	23	4
ST. THOMÉ &CA. Vallages	23	33	36
ALLOWANCES OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS	12	12	—
HOUSEHOLD NECESSARIES	44	21	—
PAGODAS ...	3405	19	28

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℘ [*lacuna*].

MAY.

1 Recd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 27th. Ulto.
.. Do. Negapatam 25 do.
2. Arrived snow Charles, David Mitchel from Bengall.
— Recd. by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 29th. Ulto.
4. Arrived snow Norwood, James Smith from Bengall.
— Do. sloop—London—Henry Karr from Bengal & Fort St. David.
— Recd. by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 15th. April.
— Sent by Tappies a Remittance by Bill of Exchange of fifty thousand Rupees to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David enclosed in a Letter from the Secretary.
6. Arrived ship Speedwell, John Coatsworth from the Malabar Coast.
— Do. sloop Neptune Andrew Young from Bengal.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 6TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 29th. April read and sign'd.

Hospital reported

Mr. John Smith reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letters read.

General Letters read Vizt.

from Deve-Cotah.

No. 82 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 27th. April assuring us of a punctual Regard to our Letters of the 19th. and 22d. Ulto. but that the last piles sent us were dispatch'd some days before the receipt of them.

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That Captain Pigou's party is still there waiting for Mauhaphooz Cawn who it is said is on his way, that he is inform'd a Magazine blew up the 18th. at Seringham but that he is not acquainted with the particulars. That Messrs. Fraser and Scotney have been acquainted with our orders relating to them. That the Company's sloop Dragon return'd there the 24th. from St. David.

No. 83 from the Govr. and Council of Negapatam, returning us their thanks for the advice We gave them of the loss of their Factory at Bimilipatam and for the assistance given their agents by Our Chief and Council of Vizagapatam whom they request us to direct to give their servants all further help in their power. **Negapatam. and**

No. 84 from the Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David dated the 29th. Ulto. acquainting us that Mr. Peter St. Paul died that Evening and that they had directed Mr. Norris to take charge of his Employs, till our further Orders. **from St. David.**

No. 85 from George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam dated 15th. April advising Us that agreeable to what they wrote us they had sent a sloop with the Dutch Chief to Bimlipatam and march'd a party of peons there to assist in recovering what they could, who were return'd the place being in ashes, that some of the Rupees found there with the Arcot stamp upon them are only cases of silver, the inside being melted quite out whence they suppose them to be counterfeited and filed with Pewter or Tutenaigue, but the Pondichery Rupees found there were very little the worse for the fire. That the Morattas have plundered all the villages about them, by which they have lost two Corge of fine and ninteen Corge or ordinary Long cloth which were at the wash at Walteer and some stragling parties have come so close to their Walls as to oblige them to discharge a few Cannon, but the main Body approach'd no nearer than the foot of Sumadree Hills. That they have put the Town, tho' large in the best posture of defence they are able and most of their cannon are mounted on pretty good carriages, and as they have but a small number of Men, they ordered all the Lascars in the Town on the Batteries and allow them a small recompence. That they have put the pallisadoes in Good order and run them in the same Line Coll. Scott directed the wall to be built, which will answer the present purpose, but they hope it will not be long before we send a proper person to their assistance in matters of this kind. That 6000 Morattas are gone to the Southward to oppose Viziaram Rauz's March, but Moodagee with the main Body lays still about Vizianagaram. That it is said the Rajah's people in that Fort have sent him 20,000 Rupees but he demands a Lack more. That he has requested of them (Pigot &ca. Council) a field Piece with powder and shot which they did not comply with, that he professes friendship to Ibrahim Ally Cawn and says what damage we may have sustain'd is contrary to his orders but as they think he is not to be trusted they keep on their Guard and desire We will send them some Chevaux de Frise. That they have now in the Town full 30000 People and should the Troubles prevent their returning to their Habitation they may be distress'd for provisions not having more than sufficient for a Month, they therefore intend to send a party of peons to Ponimarka to protect the people in loading a vessell or two from thence and request we will supply them with two or three thousand Baggs of Rice. **from Vizagapatam.**

The President acquaints the Board that several Vessells which imported within these few days from Bengall being loaded with Rice, he had sent for Musters which are now produced being of three sorts. **Musters of Rice examined & ordered to be purchas'd to supply Vizagapatam.**

The best at seventy The second at sixty five & the Third at sixty	Pagodas ℔ Garce.

which is agreeable to the present Market price AGREED that the Warehousk[r]. purchase the quantity wrote for from Vizagapatam and that it be forwarded by every conveyance that can be procured.

Chevaux de Frise to be sent for from St. David. There being no Chevaux de Frise in the stores here but several at S[t]. David AGREED that the Gentlemen there be directed to send them up by the first conveyance to be forwarded to Vizagapatam.

General Letter to be wrote to Vizagapatam. AGREED that the following General Letters be wrote Viz[t]. To Vizagapatam that we approve of their conduct and would have them continue it and we shall send them a supply of Rice, that we have ordered Captain Gardner and Ensign Simon Hart to their assistance. That we cannot intermeddle in the late M[r]. Crompton's affairs as the Mayors Court have Jurisdiction all over the Court, His Effects therefore must be sealed up untill some person be properly empowered to take charge of them.

To Ingeram and Madapollam. To Ingeram and Modapollam that as the Morattas are not by any means to be trusted we would have them put all the Company's Effects on board some Vessell in their respective Roads untill all danger be past.

To Bengal. To Bengall that our Treasure being extreamly low We cannot without great inconvenience send them by the Syren as we promis'd the 75000 A.R[s]. remitted us for them by the Gentlemen at Bombay, but that we shall forward it by some future conveyance.

To Fort St. David. To Fort S[t]. David, that we shall shortly send them further supplys, That we shall send them a copy of the Oath to be tendered the Trivendeporum Renters which if they'll take they must be allow'd whatever they will swear to; that we think it needless to send them the quantity of fanams they write for Monthly as we are inform'd Pagodas may be exchang'd to as great advantage there as here, however if we should be mistaken, We shall supply them with what may be necessary. That if they are in want of any Europe stores they should acquaint us that they may have our permission for supplying themselves out of any Europe ships that may touch there. That Ensign Scottney is to proceed from DeveCotah to camp and Lieut. Perceval is to supply his place.

To Deve Cotah. To DeveCotah, that we do not find any Chially 9 and 12 call Long Cloth in the Bale of Musters sent us, but Chellumbrum 12 call at 63. 18 ₰ corge, and salem 9 call at 46. 18 ₰ corge, that the price of the latter will not answer the additional Expences of an Investment at DeveCotah as the same Cloth is provided at S[t]. David for 47, that he must apply to the Gentlemen at S[t]. David for the price of the 12 call Cloth as we have not had any lately and do not know the cost.

Letter from M[r]. Ardley. Letter from M[r]. Samuel Ardley read as entered herafter requesting for the reasons therein set forth that he may be appointed to succeed M[r]. Peter S[t]. Paul in the Council at Fort S[t]. David.

Letter from M[r]. Fairfield. Letter from M[r]. Richard Fairfield read as entered hereafter setting forth that the Company for the better encouragement of their servants to qualify themselves for the post of Sub Accountant having directed that every person in that station should be entitled after Ballancing three setts of Books to the first profitable place that may become vacant under the Superior Council & the Gentlemen of Council having also promised him when he undertook the employ that he should be preferr'd accordingly, and as he has now Ballanc'd five setts he requests that he may be appointed to succeed M[r]. Peter S[t]. Paul at Fort S[t]. David.

M[r]. Fairfield appointed to succeed Mr. St. Paul at St. David. The Board having considered the several pretensions of Mess[r]. Ardley and Fairfield it is AGREED that M[r]. Richard Fairfield succeed M[r]. Peter S[t]. Paul in the council at Fort S[t]. David and also in all his Employs.

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And that Mr. James Alexander succeed Mr. Richd. Fairfield as Sub Accomptant and that he be allow'd the same Gratuity as our Honble Masters confirm'd to Mr. Fairfield.

Mr. Alexander to succeed Mr. Fairfield as Sub Accompt.

Messrs. Charles Boddam and Charles Bourchier acquaint the Board that they had discours'd with Colonel Scott on Business referr'd to them at the last Consultation and now deliver in their Report which is entered hereafter and ORDERED to lye on the Table to be further considered.

Messrs. Boddam and Bourchier report their Transactions with Coll. Scott.

The Secretary lays before the Board as entered hereafter a Letter to him from the Register of the Mayors Court, signifying that he is directed by the said Court to pay into the Honble Company's Cash the sum of ten Pagodas for fines imposed and levy'd by order of the said Court.

Letter from the Mayors Court to Pay in Money for fines levy'd.

ORDERED that the same be received into Cash and carried to the Credit of a Head to be erected in the Books of fines and Forfeitures.

To be recd and carried to the head of fines and forfeitures.

A Certificate from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court is now laid before the Board, that the Register of the said Court is to pay into the Honble Company's Cash in his name the sum of one hundred and fifty three Pagodas and two fanams to be placed to the Estate of Coja Mirzam deced.

Money to be paid into Cash in the name of the Accot. General's accot. the Estate of Coja Mirzam.

ORDERED that the said sum be received and carried to account accordingly.

The Owners of the Recovery Snow having apply'd for such an allowance as shall be judg'd fit for freight of that vessell in transporting a Detachment of Military and Stores from hence to DeveCotah.

AGREED that one hundred Pagodas be allow'd for the same and carried to the account of Nabob Annaverde Cawn.

Freight to be paid for the Recovery snow in carrying a Detachmt. to Deve-Cotah.

The President acquaints the Board that some complaints have been made from DeveCotah on behalf of the Invalids, that the same stoppages are made from them as from the Military AGREED that the Invalids have their full allowance in future and that what has already been stopped be refunded.

No stoppages to be made from Invalids.

A Letter sign'd by nineteen of the Honble Compys Covenant Servants at this Settlement read as entered hereafter complaining of the General Misbehaviour of Mr. Andrew Munro one of the Company's Surgeons and particularly for a late Insult offered to Mr. James Alexander as set forth in the said Letter, which being of such a nature as calls for the Resentment of the whole, they therefore submit it to the Board to do them Justice.

Letter of Complaint from the Compys Servants against Mr. Munro.

The President then acquainted the Board that Mr. Alexander having complain'd to him of the said Insult, he had sent for Mr. Munro and reprimanded him, but the Board being of opinion that as the Complaint is publick and General from the whole Body of the Companys servants, the satisfaction should also be publick, Mr. Munro and Mr. Stewart the Doctors Mate were thereupon sent for, who with Mr. Alexander attending and the complaint being read to them as well as the 61st. Paragraph of Our Honble Masters commands dated the 8th. Janry 1752, the Secretary then by order of the Board acquainted Mr. Munro and Mr. Stewart with their Resolution Vizt.

Mr. Munro and Mr. Stewart called in. & Reprimanded.

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" M^{r}. Munro

" Upon the Complaint of the Companys servants against you for your " ill Treatment of them in General and particularly for an Insult offered to " M^{r}. Alexander it is the order of this Board that you now ask M^{r}. Alexanders " Pardon. I am also ordered by the Board to acquaint you that agreeable to " the Company's Orders and Intention you are to give due attendance to the " Company's servants and if it shall appear that on any occasion you neglect " your duty the Board will immediately dismiss you the service agreeable to " the Company's Orders."

" M^{r}. Stewart,

" It is the Order of this Board that you are also to ask M^{r}. Alexander's " pardon for what is alledg'd against you in the said Letter of Complaint." which they both did and were permitted to withdraw.

Cash account read.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest ten thousand nine hundred and fifty two Pagodas, eighteen fanams and seventy five Cash (10952. 18. 75) and nine hundred and ten (910) Madrass Pagodas which is carried forward.

Treasury accounts read.

The Treasury accounts are also read for last Month the several Ballances being compared and found right are two hundred Ninety four thousand two hundred and seventy three Rupees, twelve Annaes and nine pice (294273. 12. 9) & eight thousand three hundred and twenty (8320) Madrass Rupees which are carried forward.

Money paid in for Rupees sold & advd. the Mility. Paym^{r}.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^{r}. paid in the 1st. Inst^{t}. for an advance to the Military Paymaster five hundred and forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (540. 19. 37) for Rupees sold.

Do. and advanc'd the Paymaster.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^{r}. pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas for Rupees sold, which are advanc'd the Paymaster for the Charges of that Employ being the remainder of four thousand (4000) Pagodas ordered to be advanc'd him the last Consultation.

I sign this Consultation with this remark that M^{r}. Alexander only complained to me & that I reprimanded M^{r}. Munro very severely and he promised not to transgress in the like manner, that in regard to the General Complaint I am of opinion tis of the same factious disposition as [those] of M^{r}. Richard Fairfield and M^{r}. William Perceval some refused others alledged they signed in advertently and of the whole number not above [4] have been attended by M^{r}. Munroe [the number] of which is M^{r}. William Perceval who signs at the head of this paper between whom and M^{r}. Munro there has been an enemity of longstanding, and yet as a very Lively mark of M^{r}. Munroes commendable behaviour he attended him with the greatest tenderness and saved his Life this has been acknowledged by M^{r}. Perceval and is well known to the whole place if any one is injured he should be [re]dressed but I see no reason that Partys even destructive to society should be thus formed to fill our records with any dispute that happens. The Doctors should give their due attendance and the Gentleman behave with Civility.

THO^{s}. SAUNDERS.
CHA^{s}. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^{s}. BOURCHIER.

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+ I really think the Proceeding regarding Mr. Munro in this Consultation full as [mild] as it ought to be it appearing to me to be no Party affair, as Mr. Alexander acqtd, the President that He only desired, and should be Entirely satisfied with Mr. Munro's making an acknowledgment to Him before his mate, I must further add, that I am informed that Mr. William Perceval although his name is at the Head of the paper, was not the promoter of it, nor the [first] that signed by many.

☞ In Vindication of the Opinion I have given in this Consultation for Mr. Munro's being reprimanded publickly for his Behaviour complain'd of, I think it necessary to mention, that I took upon it as a duty we owe to the Junr. Servants to see they are redressed when aggrieved, that Mr. Alexander was so, is manifest by the proceedings, and that others had cause of complaint. I am also convinced of, tho' I don't pretend to say so of the whole. As to Mr. Perceval, upon Enquiry I have been well assured notwithstandg. he is included amongst them, so far was he from promotg. the application to the Board that he was not Even Consulted upon the occasion, nor knew of it, till the Lre was carried to him to sign, whch was at the Mount, very early in the morng. the same day it was [. . .].

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The death of Mr. St. Paul having created a vacant seat in the Council at Fort St. David, I beg leave (if my standing can be allowed as an argument) to request that I may supply the place, which I am the more prompted to sollicit lest if a person junior to me in the Honble Company's service should be preferr'd thereto, such a preference added to the Revocation of your appointing me to the Negrais may cast a Reflection upon my character which I should think myself very unhappy to deserve. However to your protection Gentlemen I commit both my Reputation and Interest, which I am confidant in such hands will suffer no Injury.

Fort St. George
May the 6th. 1754.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Samuel Ardley.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Court of Directors for the better encouragement of their servants to qualify themselves for the post of Sub Accomptant having directed that every person in that station should be entitled after Ballancing three setts

of Books, to the first profitable place that might become vacent [*sic*] under the Superior Council and the then Govr. and Council having promised me the same when I took that Employ, and as I have ballanced five setts of General Books and one for this place when it was a subordinancy, I humbly submit it to your Honour &c^a^. Judgement whether I have not a just Title to succeed to the post of fifth in Council at Fort S^t^. David lately become Vacent [*sic*] by the Death of M^r^. Peter S^t^. Paul. I am with great Respect

Fort S^t^. George the 6th. May 1754.

Hon~~ble~~ Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Hum Servant
Richard Fairfield

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH.

Dr.				
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account. Pags.	11449	18	57
8.	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. recd. of him for Rups. sold	3243	8	60
—	To Do. Do.	2771	1	72
—	To Do. Do.	4000	—	—
—	To Do. Sea Customer recd of him on his running accot.	1000	—	—
10	To Henry Powney Warehousekr. recd of him for Rupees sold for the advance to Capt. Mainwaring ₰ contra as ₰ Consultation 8th. Instant	5000	—	—
16	To Linga Chitty and Gruah Farmers of the paddy fields & salt pans recd of them one years Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. December last ...	750	—	—
22	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. recd of him for Rups. sold	10000	—	—
—	To Do. Do.	2162	5	68
25	To Do. Do. for a remittance to camp as ₰ contra as ₰ Consultn. 22d. Instant	5000	—	—
27	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. recd of him for Rupees sold for a remittance to camp ₰ Contra as ₰ Consultn. 22d. Instant ...	5000	—	—
29th.	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recd of them one Month's Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack and Wine Licence, recd of them one Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ultimo	333	12	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Measuring Duty recd of them 6 Months Rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ulto.	500	—	—
	Carried over ...	51875	35	17

₰ CONTRA.

					Cr.		
1st.	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advancd him for the charges of that employ				3000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanc'd him to pay the Military as ₰ consultation 25th. Ulto.				4540	19	37
8	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for the charges of that Employ				2000	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Comissary advanc'd him for the charges of the Troops abroad ...				7243	9	46
—	By Batta for the following Vizt.						
	Paid Gocaul Tervaddy, the premium due to him for his Draft on Buckonjee Cashedoss's Gomastahs for 10000 Pagodas in favour of the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David the 26th. Novr. last at ½ ₰ cent.	50	—	—			
	Paid Buckengee Doss, the premium due to him for his two Drafts of the 27th. Novr. and 5th. December for 10000 Pagodas each on his house at Fort St. David in favour of the Deputy Govr. and Council there at ½ ₰ Cent	100	—	—			
					150	—	—
10th.	By Account Current London advanc'd Captain Mainwaring for preparing his Ship Colchester ₰ Order of Consultation the 8th. Instant ...				5000	—	—
22d.	By Fort St. David remitted to the Deputy Govr. and Council by Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chitty on his Gomasta there				10,000	—	—
	Carried over ...				31933	29	8

The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

	Brought forward ...	51875	35	17
29th.	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permall Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Town Brokerage rec͠d of them 6 Months rent of that Cowle due the 1st. Ulto.	350	—	—
—	To Thomas Saunders Esq. Mint Master, rec͠d of him the Ballce. of Madrass Pagodas in that account	47	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. rec͠d of him on his running account	4000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Custr. rec͠d of him on his running accot.	1000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. rec͠d of him for Rups. sold	6351	12	52
—	To John Smith Land Customer, rec͠d of him the Ballance of that account for last Month ...	425	—	49
	Starr or Current Pagodas ...	64049	12	38

℔ Contra—*cont.*

	Brought forward ...	31933	29	3
22d.	By Batta paid Linga Chitty the premium due to him for his Draft of this day at ½ ℔ Cent on 10,000 Pagodas	50	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him for the charges of the Troops abroad	4162	5	68
25th.	By Alexandr. Wynch Commissary advanc'd him for a remittance to Camp as ℔ Consultation 22d. Instant	5000	—	—
27.	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him for a remittance to Camp as ℔ Consultation 22d. Instant	5000	—	—
29.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of current Pagodas in that accot. for last Mo.	52	18	—
—	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint March Ballance.	47	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him for the charges of that Employ	6351	12	52
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanc'd him for the charges of that Employ.	500	—	—
		53096	29	43
30th.	By Ballance carried to next months account.	10952	18	75
	Starr or Current Pags. ...	64049	12	38

MADRASS PAGODAS. ℔ CONTRA.

Dr.				Cr.
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account.	863 — —		
29	To the Honble Company's Cash for the Mint March Ballance	47 — —		
		910 — —	30th. By Ballance carried to next month's Account ...	910 — —

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ THOMAS SAUNDERS.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.
MADRASS RUPEES.

Dr.					Cr.
1754. April 1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month	8320 — —	1754. April 30th.	By Ballance carried to next Month	8320 — —

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

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FORT ST. GEORGE TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

ARCOT RUPEES.

DR.

APRIL				
1ST.	To Ballance brought from last Month	469038	12	9

CR.

1754. APRIL				
8.	By Import Warehousekr. delivered him for sale.	22530	—	—
10.	By Ditto	19025	—	—
11.	By Ditto	15210	—	—
12.	By Voyage to Batavia ₰ ship Colchester ...	10000	—	—
22d.	By Import Warehousekr. delivered him for sale.	46000	—	—
25.	By Ditto	19000	—	—
27	By Ditto	19000	—	—
29	By Ditto	24000	—	—
		174765	—	—
	By Ballance	294273	12	9
		469038	12	9

ERRORS EXCEPTED

₰ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

FORT ST. GEORGE TREASURY ACCOUNTS—*cont.*

CURRENT PAGODAS.

Dr.				Cr.		
1754. April			1754. April			
25th.	To Import Warehousekr. recd of him	4000 — —	29.	By the Hoñble Companys Cash	4000 — —	

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.

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To Mr. Josias Dupré, Secretary.

Sir

The Honble the Mayors Court having received the sum of ten Pagodas for fines which they have thought proper to inflict, and the Honble Company having been pleased to order that all sums so levy'd shall be paid into their Cash, In consequence of which I am directed by the said Court to desire you will acquaint the President and Council that the abovemention'd sum is ready to be paid into the Honble Company's Cash when they shall think proper to receive the same.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Daniel Morse,
Regr.

Fort St. George
May 3d. 1754.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to the Resolution of last Consultation; for our consulting with Coll. Scott regarding the Present Methods of paying for and issuing Materials, supplying the Company with Bricks and Chunam, bringing to account the Military Stores when made and representg. any amendments therein which might be judged necessary; We met with the Colonel the next morning, but he declined entering into any Debate on the subject of the first part of the Resolution of Consultation alledging it was foreign to his Province, to interfere in the least in the provision of any kind of materials, which he had nothing more to do with, than report them to the Board if they were unfit for his purpose either by being too high priced or not of a proper Goodness.

The manner of accounting for the Military Stores that are Made in the Carpenters Yard being explain'd to him and the storehouse Books produced, He was entirely of opinion with Us that it is a Method that required no alteration.

We have therefore only to submit it to your Honour &ca. consideration what further Determination you may think it necessary to come to in regard to the paying for and issuing Materials, and the supplying in the most advantageous manner Bricks and chunam for the Company's use and are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Charles Boddam.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
6th. May 1754.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

It is with concern we address your Honour &ca. on a subject which must be as disagreeable to you as it is to us, but when what is most valuable to us in Life is at stake we should be Wanting in our duty to ourselves were we to omit it. Our Honble Masters have been so indulgent as to appoint two surgeons at this presidency and to furnish them with proper Medicines for the use of their servants, but this their benevolent Intent is of little use, unless the surgeons perform their duty, the general Behaviour of Mr. Andrew Munro one of them, is so notorious that your Honour &ca. Council cannot be at a loss for several Instances of his ill treatment of the Compys. servants, yet out of a tender regard to his Family no publick complaint has hitherto been made, nor should any now appear from us had not Mr. Munro lately given such unworthy Treatment to one of us as loudly calls for the resentment of the whole, it is of such a nature that We beg leave to lay it particularly before you.

Mr. James Alexander one of the subscribers having several times in vain applied to the surgeons for a few Ingredients to compose a powder for the Scurvy in his Teeth, at length he wrote Mr. William Stewart the Surgeons Mate in very civil Terms who return'd for answer that upon Mr. Munro's order he would send them, but that his (Mr. Alexander's) direction should have little or no weight with him, Mr. Alexander then wrote Mr. Munro to beg he would order the Ingreedients [*sic*] to be delivered, upon which Mr. Munro wrote a Note to Mr. Stewart which he sent Mr. Alexander for his perusal, a copy of which We insert for your Honour &ca. Council's Notice Vizt.

" Mr. Stewart

SIR

" Pray give that Impudence what he wants and let me not be plagued
" with his nonsense.

Yrs.
A.M."

We appeal to your Honour &ca. Council whether this is such usage as a Company's servant is entitled to from the Compy. Surgeon, and humbly request your Honour &ca. Council will do us such Justice as you shall think the case deserves.

We are very respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Humble Servts.

DANL. MORSE.
CHARLES SIMPSON.
GEORGE DAWSON.
MATHEW CLARKE.
JOHN WHITEHILL.
CLAUD RUSSELL.
GEORGE PYNE.
JNO. DAVIDSON.
CHAS. SMITH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
SAML. ARDLEY.
EDWD. EDWARDS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHARD FAIRFIELD.
CHARLES TURNER.
JOS: DUPRÉ.
JOHN BROWNING.
JAMES ALEXANDER.
JOHN SMITH.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

7TH Snow Don Carlos went out of the Road, suppos'd to be drove from her anchors, Herbert Sutherland the Master being on shore.

— Sent by Tappy's General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

8TH Arrived Brigantine Fatae Dowlat, Alebai Noquedah, from Aracan.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to DeveCotah dated this day.

— Sign'd and deliver'd to Coll. Scott to go by the Syren General Letter to Bengall dated this day.

— Sign'd and deliver'd to Captain Herbert Sutherland going in the Musketoe Sloop down the Coast in quest of the abovemention'd Snow Don Carlos General Letters to Vizagapatm, Ingeram and Madapollam dated this day.

10TH Arrived ship Britannia, Richard Riccard from Surat.

11TH Ketch Bon Voyage, Lewis Caldere, drove out of the Road.

12 Early this morning departed this Life Caroline Frederick Scott Esqr. Engineer General.

At a Consultation.

Present

Monday the 13th.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Governour President.
Charles Boddam. Henry Powney.
Alexandr. Wynch. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Instant read and sign'd.

Hospital reported [to] be in want of amendment. **Ordered to be done.**

Mr. Charles Bourchier reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no cause of Complaint in the patients as to their Treatment, but he represents that the Salavating Ward (which was reported in Consultation the 10th. December last to be very improper for that purpose for want of better tiling) is still in the same condition Ordered that the said Ward be covered with flat Tiles so as to make it proper for the purpose to which it is allotted, and that Mr. Brohier be again acquainted therewith.

General General Letters read Vizt.

Letters read from Anjengo.

No. 86 from George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated 21st. April acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 24th. December and 17th. Febry & advising that the Dodington sailed from Bombay for England the 3d. December as did the Salisbury the 1st. Febry and Tavistock the 18th. March from Anjengo that the Prince Edward from Bombay touch'd there the 7th. March and sailed the 10th. for Batavia, that the Winchelsea, Montfort and Stafford all bound to Bombay left Tellicherry the 15th. March and the Elizabeth sailed from Anjengo the last of Febry for Sindy.

& Fort St. David.

No. 87 from the Deputy Govr. and Coun[cil] of Fort St. David dated the 8th. Instant accompanying their Consultations and Monthly accounts for March, and acquainting us that Mr. Thomas Cook has paid into Cash there the sum of three hundred and thirty two Pagodas, twenty six fanams and thirty eight Cash (332. 26. [38]) being the Ballance of his camp account for which they have credited this Presidency and acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's Letter enclosing a remittance in their favour of fifty thousand Rupees.

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Letter from Mr. Thomas Cooke read as entered hereafter, advising of his having paid the Ball of his camp account into Cash at St. David as abovemention'd, and apologizing for what past in the first part of his correspondence, after his being appointed to proceed to Tanjore.*

Letter from Mr. Cooke. * Vide Extra Occurens. from 8th. Septr. to 5th. Novr.

Letter from Caroline Frederick Scott Esqr. read entered hereafter, setting forth what he apprehends to [be] the cause that the Expence of the Works are swell'd to so large a sum as they amount to, complaining of some irregularities and giving his opinion of the most effectual remedy to be apply'd all which he recommends to the Board.

Letter from Coll. Scott.

The said Letter having been delivered to Mr. Boddam Paymaster and Mr. Wynch Storekeeper that they might be prepared to give the Board the necessary Information in regard to such particulars as relate to them, they now respectively lay before the Board their answers which are read as entered hereafter.

Letters from Messrs. Boddam & Wynch.

Agreed that Messrs. Henry Powney & John Smith Members of this Board and Captain John Brohier as Engineer, be a Standing Committee to consider of ways and means for carrying on the Companys works with Economy and to the greatest advantage, as well in providing Materials as in all other Branches, and it is particularly referr'd to the said committee to consider of the several Matters complain'd of in Coll. Scott's said Letter and of the methods proposed to remedy them, and to report to the Board their opinion as to the most effectual means of conducting the works with expedition and frugality.

Messrs. Powney Smith & Brohier appointed a Committee to consider of said Letters and report. Also a Standing Committee for conducting the Works.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court by order of the Court, read signifying that Mr. Fairfield one of the Aldermen having resign'd his seat on account of his late appointment to a station at Fort St. David, the said Court desires this Board will elect some other person in his stead.

Letter from the Mayors Court.

Whereupon Mr. Henry Vansittart being propos'd is unanimously chosen and appointed to be an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Mr. Vansittart appointed an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Ordered that he be summon'd to attend the Board on Monday next the 20th. Instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to take the Oaths.

to attend next Monday.

The Import Warehousekr. lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Account Sale of two pieces of the Hon̄ble Company's Velvet sold at outcry the 10th. Instant, he also reports that the remainder of the Broad cloth was offered to sale at the same time but no bidders appeared.

Accot. Sale of 2 ps. of Velvets deliver'd in. Broad cloth also put up but did not sell.

Colonel Scott being dead, under whose direction the Gentlemen at Bengal had put the Syren sloop, Agreed that the said sloop be detained untill the arrival of a ship from Europe, which may be daily expected.

The Syren sloop to be detain'd till the arrival of a ship from Europe.

Sundry papers found in the possession of Paupa Braminey, consisting of original Letters in the Moratta Language with their Cowles &ca. Country Letters in the Persian Language, News papers in different Languages, Diarys of Transactions in the time of former, Governours, Draughts of Letters relating to country Government and sundry other Papers relating to the Company's affairs, all which are now laid before the Board Ordered that they be detain'd and deposited with other papers in the Secretary's Office, and that all other papers belonging to Paupa Braminey which were seiz'd and relate only to his own affairs be return'd him. And the Board being of opinion that he was guilty of a great neglect at least in not restoring those papers of his own accord

Papers found in Paupa Braminy's Possession.

Order thereon.

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Paupa Braminey to be reprimanded.

as he must have been sensible they belong'd to the Company and that he had no right to them. ORDERED that he be called before the Board on Monday next and severely reprimanded.

Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in seventeen thousand (17000) Pagodas for Rupees sold.

Sea Customer pays into cash.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running account.

Advances to the Expo. Warehokr.

AGREED that seven thousand (7000) Pags. be advanc'd the Export Warehousekr. to pay for the Rice agreed to be purchased for the supply of Vizagapatam.

Commissary.

And that two thousand (2000) Pagodas be advanc'd the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. DAVID 30TH. APRIL 1754.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The ill state of Health that I return'd in from Camp, having occasion'd Me hitherto to defer sending you the remainder account of my Expences, causes this address purposely to inclose the same and to advise of my having paid the Ballance into the Honble Company's Cash at this place amounting to Pags. 332. 26. 38 which I hope will prove agreeable. I likewise make use of this opportunity to apologize for all Inadvertency's committed in the first part of my correspondence, taking leave to testify my concern for the displeasure given you, and entreating your Honour &ca. will be convinc'd that however just I might have thought my pretensions to a Recompence, I should never have been guilty of mentioning a word of it, could I in the least have foreseen or imagin'd my arguments would have been so ill digested, hoping therefore that you will confide in the assurance that I had no premidated [*sic*] Intention to offend either in Word or deed, emboldhens [*sic*] me to request you will forgive all that has passed on that subject, and if the diligence, I have endeavour'd to show in the Execution of your commands since my setting out, will entitle me to any further share of your good opinion, readmit me to your Esteem and believe me to remain with all due Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
THOMAS COOKE.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President &c^a. Council
Fort S^t. George.

Gentlemen

The present Method of carrying on the Hoñble Company's works in General being very expensive and extreamly inconvenient for forwarding their progress, I take the liberty of laying before you the Disadvantages we labour under in not carrying on the publick service in the frugal manner so much recommended by the Hoñble Court of Directors.

The supply of most of the materials is invested in the Paymasters hands who furnishes them at his own price without check or controul whatever, excepting the article of Bricks which was agreed upon at 1500 P^r. Pagoda by the late M^r. Robins at Fort S^t. David and of which Charles Boddam Esqr. Paymaster is not contended.

Timber and other stores are also supply'd by the storekeeper at his own price when the Company have not any of those Materials in their own stores, without any check.

The Cooley hire and sundry Materials being paid in Fanams and accounted for only at 36 instead of 43 fanams to the pagoda, swell also the apparant charge of the works considerably for whether the Company has credit given them or not for the Difference of the Exchange the charge of the Works does not appear the less for it in the Paymas^rs. Books no more than in our Monthly accounts which are all cast up at 36 fanams to the Pagoda, whilst the Current Exchange of a Gold Pagoda is 43 fanams and upwards and has been so for some years past.

These are the principal articles which swell the Company's Works to the exhorbitant sums they amount to.

To remedy which and in consequence of the Hoñble Court of Directors General Letter of the 21st. August 1751 I beg leave to represent that if the Materials of all sorts are bought on the Company's account in a publick manner & on the Oaths of the purchaser and seller that no private Gains are made by it directly or indirectly I make no doubt but that on an average the annual charge of Materials would be reduced of at least 25 ℔ Cent.

And as the service has been greatly retarded for want of Bricks and chunam, the supply of which is invested also in the Paymasters hands with an exclusive right of supplying not only the Company (but the Inhabitants) with those Materials I beg leave to represent that if the publick without distinction of persons has the liberty of making Bricks and is not accountable to the Paymaster of 10 Pagodas ℔ Lack or any other consideration, for what they burn, as has been practis'd several years past, and to sell their refused Bricks to whom they think proper, I make no doubt but the Company will be plentifully supply'd with what they want and Contracts may be made with the Brick Makers at the same price they are made by the Paymaster at present.

The supply of chunam may be done directly by the Pollygars in the country with whom contracts may be made publickly for the Deliverys of it on the Works and on the Oath of the parties so contracting that no private Gains are made by the purchaser, directly or indirectly.

That all cooley hire or any Materials paid in fanams be accounted for by the Paymaster at the current Exchange of the pagoda, and that no custom whatever be levy'd by any conicoply on the payment of any Money paid for materials bought, or cooley hire, as the contractors knowing that such custom will be required from them will raise their price accordingly, and consequently this augmentation of price will fall on the Hoñble Company and to their prejudice.

These measures so conducive to the frugality of the Hoñble Company's Service being properly taken will reduce the Expence of the projects intended for fortyfying this place of at least 25000 Pagodas and of what works will be carried on at the settlements on this coast of 15000 Pagodas more.

I must beg leave to observe to you that in Defiance of Representations against the supply of Bricks for private work to the prejudice of the Hoñble Company's Service and notwithstanding the present want of those Materials to carry on the Works, there has been for several days past and now are a great number of Bullocks employ'd to carry the best whole Bricks from the Brick Kilns to the Black Town, whilst the Company's Works are supply [*sic*] with broken ones and those none of the best Which irregular proceeding I must desire you'll order to cease, and that the best Bricks & as many whole ones as can be found in the Kilns may be sent to the Hoñble Company's Works, this I know to be fact having been an Eye witness to it myself.

Whatever other Matters that want Redress in the Engineers Branch of the Hoñble Company's service I must beg the favour to refer you to Captain Broheir who will lay them before you as they may occur and to which I flatter myself you will order such Redress as you shall deem meet for the good and Thrifty Execution of the Hoñble Company's Service, an article which hath been very strictly recommended to me by the Court of Directors both in the publick Instuitions [*sic*] and such private Orders as they have been pleas'd to intrust to my Management only, from the Secret Committee of that Court, and such is the Honour and Trust they have been pleas'd to repose in me, that those very secret Orders were docuted [*sic*] in case of my Death to be return'd unopened to the Hoñble Court of Directors. I am

Fort St. George
May the 6th. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Hum. Servt.

Car : Fred : Scott
*Engin*r. *General.*

To the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

I cannot but express my surprize of the contents of a Letter address'd to the Board from Colonel Scott sign'd as Engineer General and more particularly as it seems to reflect on my Reputation in the character of Paymaster, to the detriment and disservice of my Hoñble Masters, I therefore think it highly incumbent on me to vindicate myself least any ill impressions should take place to my prejudice, thro' such insinuations, and at the same time assuring you, nothing is more dear to me than discharging my Duty in the most faithfull and laudable manner I possibly can, as I have their Interest most sincerely at heart.

With regard to what Colonel Scott sets forth of the Materials being invested in the Paymasters hands and furnish'd at his own price without Check or controul, excepting in the article of Bricks settled at Fort St. David by the late Mr. Robbins, to which I answer. For the Materials I have supply'd the Company with in General, I am always greatly in advance in procuring them and at no small risque of the loss of my Money, that I have ever charg'd the lowest Town price and what they must have ever costed had they been purchas'd of indifferent hands, but even these for the major part of my holding the Employ have been so inconsiderable articles from the stock of Timber and plank laid

in by the Company and delivered out by the Storekeeper as wanted, that they scarce deserve notice, any otherwise than they are included in a seeming charge against me. As to the Bricks it's true M^r^. Robins reduced them at Fort S^t^. David from 1700 for the pagoda, the Company usually had them at to 1500 and that in consideration of a larger size Mould he ordered the Bricks to be made by, besides the Paymaster there was indulg'd in the liberty of cutting Firewood at DeveCotah free of customs to the Renters so that the first cost, freight from DeveCotah and charges of it to the Brick Kilns amounted to no more than 110 Pag^s^. ₰ Lack, Whereas at this place I am oblig'd from the known scarcity of it to give 206 for all I use, which article alone makes a very considerable difference, without adding the alterations lately made in the Moulds here by Colonel Scotts directions from what they were before and which of consequence must create a greater consumption to enhance the price of the Bricks.

As to the Cooley hire &c^a^. said to be paid in Fanams, and Colonel Scott is desirous of having them cast up at the current Exchange of pagodas to save a charge in appearance on carrying forward the Works, In reality is none, as the Company issue Fanams out to the Paymaster for that purpose, and which I averr to take up Monthly the full amount of what is disbursed but the whole of this objection I apprehend must proceed from Colonel Scott's not being acquainted, the Paymaster has silver paid him for that use, and that of consequence if I receive only 36 fanams to the pagoda, I must add it up at the same rate in passing my accounts, and I conceive if his request is complied with in this Matter, it will introduce a new system in Our accounts different from the usual practice, but this I submit to the deliberation of the Board.

What Colonel Scott mentions of the exorbitant sums the Companys works swell to, I must beg leave to observe, it does not arise so much from the charge of Materials expended; but that most heavy one of pay to Labourers of all sorts whose wages were increas'd by M^r^. Robbins, to half as much more than what was formerly given, in hopes of bringing a greater number of Workmen together, and it is well known when a precedent of this nature is once introduc'd among the artificers and Labouring sort of people here, the great difficulty, if not impracticability there is to abolish it.

As to the Complaint so loudly exclaiming against the Paymaster of an exclusive right of not only supplying the Company with Bricks but the Inhabitants also. I believe upon Tryal it will be found that few or none will contract with the Company for the supplies required, unless that Right centers in them, especially were [*sic*] security is expected for the large advances I am sensible the contractors will demand to enable them to undertake it, however it will be seen hereafter the inconveniency as well as Risque of making bad Debts, the Company will be liable to on any other method than the present pursued. It is true the natives from time immemorial have allowed the Paymaster 10 Pagodas ₰ Lack on all Bricks they made for their own use, and as certain the present Paymaster has always discourag'd it, to endeavour gaining a greater number of Brick cutters for the service of the Company.

For the article of chunam recommended to be contracted for with the Polygars of the Country, I affirm the Company is served with it at the same Rate I purchase of the Poligar at Maddupawcum, who is the only one I have any knowledge of that supply chunam about our limits and he is always greatly in arrears to me for no other consideration than allowing 5 ₰ cent for my Money.

In reply to that paragraph containing the severe accusation of sending the best whole Bricks to the Town people, whilst the Companys works are served with broken ones and none of the best, I cannot admit of the injurious assertion and for this reason there are one or two Bricklayers constantly attending at the Kilns by the Ingineers [*sic*] appointment whose Business it is to pick and sort

for the Compys service, and chuse or reject what they think proper, and I insist on none but those so laid aside are dispos'd of to the Inhabitants so that the Company must have the prime thats made and without such a latitude of disposing of the turn'd out Bricks, the Paymaster must inevitably be a great sufferer, since nothing is got by what the Company are supply'd with, which if any of the kind has been committed that Colonel Scott lays so hard a stress upon in his words " to be an Eye witness to " it is more than I know of upon my sacred Word of Honour, and contrary to the possitive commands and repeated injunctions my servants have had from me.

I have now gone thrô Col^l. Scott's Letter, so far as relates to the Paymaster and if on the whole any expedient can be hit upon towards better supplying Materials for carrying on the Works then I have pursued, I shall chearfully come into it, or relinquish to those that can, as I shall always study to promote the Interest and advantage of Our Hoñble Empl^rs.

I am with the greatest Respect

Fort S^T. George
8TH. May 1754.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant

Charles Boddam.

To the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esq^R.
President and Gov^R. &c^A. Council of
Fort S^T. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

In Colonel Scotts Letter to the Board, I find it is mention'd, " That Timber and other stores are also supplyd by the Storekeeper at his own price when the Company have not any of those materials in their own stores wthout any Check." As by this it may be imagin'd that I have made a practice of purchasing Timber and planks with a view of selling it to the Company, I beg leave to assure your Honour &ca. that all the Timber and plank the Company ever had of me since my arrival here, was in August last which amounted to Pag^s. 87. 18 and was charg'd at the same price as several Gentlemen in the place thought proper to take them.

The Company are pleas'd to indulge the Commanders of these ships, to bring out ship Chandelery and Naval stores, part of which I bought to supply the Country shipping with if any of these articles were wanted for the Company's service they were delivered at the same rate as to the Inhabitants &c^a. which upon Examination the price will appear to be no higher than the Company sell these sort of stores at. I am with respect

Fort S^T. George
10TH. May 1754

Hoñble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Alexand^R. Wynch.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON̄BLE COMPANYS VELVETS AT PUBLICK OUTCRY UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS VIZT.

1ST. The Goods are to be exposed to view at the Godown.

2D. The purchaser of any Goods shall be allowed twelve Months time to clear them or any parcell of them out of the Warehouse without paying Rent for allowance for Warehouse Room.

3. The Buyer on paying the amount of his Goods or any part thereof shall have such parcel or Goods delivered to him and no Goods whatever to be delivered till the Money is actually paid.

4. An allowance or Discount shall be made to the Buyer of nine ℔ Cent if paid in before the expiration of six Months from the commencement of the sale and an allowance in like manner shall be made of three ℔ cent if paid in after six Months and before the expiration of twelve Months from the Commencement of the sale aforesaid.

5. After the expiration of Twelve Months if any Goods remain unclear'd according to the conditions aforesaid such Goods shall be put up at publick auction & sold for ready Money & if any Loss is occasion'd thereby, the prior Purchaser shall be oblig'd to make good the same.

6. If any person shall fail to make Payment within twelve Months, as aforesaid for any Goods bought by him he shall not be permitted to be a Buyer at any future sale untill he has made full satisfaction for such his non payment.

7. All persons whatever without Distinction shall be free to purchase at the Companys Auction upon the Terms abovewritten.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS VELVET AT PUBLIC OUTCRY UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS VIZT.—*cont.*

The Time of sale.	Quality of ye. Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
10th. May 1754.	Velvet Crimson.	Yards 50	Pagodas 108. 30. 60.	Pagodas 126	..	Pagodas .. 127 — —	Shenevossiah.
	Ditto Green ..	Do. 50	Do. 98. 15. 60.	Do. 114	..	Do. .. 115 — —	Ditto.
		Yards. 100				Pagodas .. 242 — —	

FORT ST. GEORGE MAY 10TH. 1754.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℘ HENRY POWNEY,
Impo. Wareho.kr.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

Arrived ship Betsey Edward Roach from the Mallabar Coast. 13TH.
Do. sloop Phoenix Willm. Bonedy from Bengal and Fort St. David. 14.
Sailed sloop London Henry Karr for Bengal. —
At three O'Clock in the afternoon anchored in this Road Our Honble Masters ship Saint George Captain Robert Robertson from England last from Madera bound for this place and Bengal. 15TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 15TH. AT 6 O'CLOCK IN THE EV.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.

ALEXANDR. WYNCH. — — — —.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MR. SMITH *Absent.*

Captain Robertson having come on shore with the Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this presidency, the same is now opened and found to contain the several Papers agreeable to a List of the packet, amongst them is a General Letter dated 28th. November 1753 which is read.

Packet from England by the St. George opened.

General Letter from Messrs. Chambers, Hiccox and Chambers at Madeira read advising of their having consign'd Us one hundred & fifty Pipes of Madeira wine by the St. George.

Letter from Madeira read.

An Order is now sign'd to Captn. Robinson for the delivery of the Treasure and Military on board the Saint George belonging to the Honble Company consign'd to this Presidency.

Order sign'd for the delivery of Treasure.

The Committee of Treasury are to examine and weigh the Treasure when brought on shore & make their Report thereof to the Board and they are in like manner to examine, weigh and Report all the Treasure that may be imported from Europe this season and send the same from time to time to the Mint to be coined with Expedition.

Committee of Treasury to weigh all the Treasure and report and send it to be coin'd.

ORDERED that the stowage of the Madeira Wine on board the St. George be survey'd by Captns. Thomas Savage and Francis Taylor with the assistance of the Compys Cooper who are to report to the Board the condition thereof.

Stowage of the Madeira wine to be survey'd & Reported.

AGREED that a Letter be wrote to the Deputy Govr. & Council of Fort St. David this evening to advise them of the arrival of the St. George and direct them to land all the Military out of any of the expected Europe ships that may chance to touch there and also all the Military that may be sent Us from Bombay on any ships that may call at Fort St. David.

St. David to be wrote to.

Our Honble Masters Commands being Express for detaining the St. George here untill the arrival of the True Briton, that the Broad Cloth by the latter may be forwarded to the Bay on the former AGREED that the St. George be detain'd accordingly.

The St. George to be detain'd till the arrival of the True Briton.

AGREED that the Syren sloop be dispatch'd directly to the Bay with the 75,000 A.Rs. remitted us from Bby to be forwarded to Bengal and that the Gentlemen there be advised of what concerns them in Our Honble Masters Letter to us by the St. George.

The Syren to be dispatch'd with 75,000 Rupees to Bengal.

ORDERED that Mr. Thomas Heath proceed to Vizagapatam to oversee the Works to be erected there.

Mr. Heath order'd to Vizagapatam.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
— — — — — —.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

15TH. Received by Tappys General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 11th. Instant.

— Sent by Tappies Letter from the Secretary to Fort St. David dated this day.

18 Arrived ship Santa Cathirina Juan Ribeira Gunner from Mochaa, Fort St. David and Pondichery.

— Recd. by Tappies Genl. Letter from Fort St. David dated 15th. Inst.

— Sailed the Honble Companys sloop Syren, John Smith for Bengal with General Letters to the President and Council there dated the 8th. and 16th. Instant.

19 Arrived sloop Pencasse, John Sympson from Anjengo.

— Recd. by Pattamar General Letter from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated the 2d. Instant.

20 Sailed sloop Elizabeth Francis Stevenson for Vizagapatam and Bengall with General Letters for the three Northern Settlements dated the 19th. Instant to advise of the arrival of the St. George from England.

- Arrived Ketch St. John Baptist, John Murphy from Goa.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 20TH.

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR. GOVR. PRESIDENT.
CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDR. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 13th. & 15th. Instant read and sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Boddam reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of complaint.

General Letters from Fort St. David.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 88 & 89 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort St. David the first dated the 11th. acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter of the 7th. and acquainting us that Captain Gardner, continues very ill, but that as soon as his Health will permit, he will comply with Our Orders that they have acquainted Mr. Newton and Lieutenant Perceval with our Directions relating to them and the latter will set out for DeveCotah in two or three days, that they will forward the Chevaux de Frize by the first opportunity. The second dated the 15th. Instant enclosing Indents for stores Civil and Military, and desiring we will send them fifty pipes of Madeira Wine, they also acquaint us they have inform'd the Trevendeporum Renters of the Oath We require them to take, but the Chief of them being absent they desire to consult with him before they give their answer, that upon enquiry they find about a thousand pagodas worth of fanams may be procured there Monthly and desire We will supply them with another thousand Pagodas worth, that our directions relating to Mr. Fairfield shall be observed.

Bandarmalanka.

No. 90 from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated the 2d. Instant acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter and the Washing Stones by the sloop George & enclosing his Monthly accounts for April.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1754* —

Mr. Henry Vansittart who was chosen at the last Consultation to be an Alderman of the Mayors Court is now called in and sworn into his office ORDERED that due notice thereof be given to the Mayors Court.

Mr. Vansittart sworn an Aldermn.

AGREED that the Fort St. David Indents be complied with and that the Gentlemen there be permitted to land from the Europe ships that may chance to touch there, the Lead, Red and White Lead, Iron, steel and sea Coals, six and three pounder shott, Bayonet Pieces, Carbines, pistolls Flints and Drums they Indent for, also the forty Barrells of fine Gunpowder they wrote for the 25th. March and the other articles we shall supply them with from hence, as soon as We are able.

[Fort] St. David to be [wr]ote to.

ORDERED that half a Lack of Rupees be remitted to Fort St. David by Bill and that one thousand Pagodas worth of fanams be also remitted to them Monthly agreeable to their Request.

50000 Rups. to be sent to St. David and a thousand Pagodas in fans. Monthly.

Captain Thomas Savage and Francis Taylor their Report of the stowage of the Madeira Wine on board the St. George, read as entered hereafter, whereby it appears to be in a proper condition as far as they could see.

Report stowage of Madera wine.

AGREED that thirty pipes of the Madeira Wine on board the St. George consign'd to Bengal be landed here agreeable to our Honble Masters permission in their Letter by that ship and if there should not be a demand for the whole that what may remain be forwarded to the Bay by the latter ships.

30 pipes of Madeira wine consd. to Bengal ℔ St. George to be landed here.

Letter from Mr. Charles Boddam Export Warehousekeeper read as entered hereafter being an answer to some particulars in a Letter from Captain Mainwaring to the Board, read in Consultation the 16th. Ultimo in regard to certain deficiencys by the Colchester, in regard to the Bale as it is impossible to come at the real truth of the matter the Book kept on board for Goods received having been lost in the Gale as well as several Receipts and Boats returning from the ship the day before the storm, in which it is possible a Bale may have been return'd on account of Damage as it blew very fresh all that day; upon these considerations it is agreed that the circumstances of the affair be particularly explain'd to Our Honble Masters submitting to them to ad[just] it with the Owners, and in relation to the Redwood and [salt] Petre, as Captain Mainwaring declares that he objected to the manner of weighing them at St. David but the Gentlemen there insisted notwithstanding that he should take them on board contrary to his Inclination, AGREED that a copy of Captain Mainwarings Letter be sent to the Gentlemen at St. David for their answer.

Letter from Mr. Boddam in answer to Captain Mainwarings relatg. to deficiencys.

Order thereon.

The petition of Captain John Sullivan of the Recovery Snow read as entered hereafter, setting forth that his charges in that Trip amount to upwards of 220 Pagodas so that he must be a very considerable sufferer as the Board have ordered him only * one hundred Pagodas unless they are pleased in consideration of the case to make him some further allowance.

Petition of Captn. Sullivan for Freight of the recovery.

* *Vide* Consultn. 6TH. MAY.

AGREED that Captain Sullivan be allowed two hundred Pagodas, it appearing by an account particulars that his Expences are really what he setts forth.

Order thereon.

AGREED that the Companys Broad Cloth be put up to sale on the usual terms on Wednesday the 10th. June next and in case it should not then sell that it be put up every Month untill sold.

Broad Cloth to be put up the 10th June & so monthly til sold.

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Mr. Wynch surrenders a ps of Ground to the Comp and desires a Grant of another ps. in lieu.

Granted.

Mr. Alexander Wynch acquaints the Board that he is possess'd of a piece of Ground by virtue of a Grant from the Company behind his dwelling House and contiguous to the Half Moon Battery which Col. Scott is of opinion should be enlarg'd by taking in the said Ground, wherefore he offers to surrender the said Ground to the Company and requests that in lieu thereof a piece of waste Ground of equal dimensions situate to the northward of his said Dwelling House and contiguous thereto may be granted him. Col. Scott having view'd the same and approves thereof AGREED that the surrender of the said Ground adjoining to the Half Moon Battery be accepted and that the Ground to the northward of Mr. Wynch's House be granted him in lieu.

Money pd. in from the Mayors Court accot. the Estate of Levy Moses.

A Certificate from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court, is laid before the Board, that the Register of the said Court is to pay into the six Honble Company's Cash the sum of one hundred and eighty six pagodas, nine fanams and sixty one Cash (186. 9. 61) which is to be placed to the account of the Accountant General and to the Credit of the Estate of Levy Moses deceas'd.

ORDERED that the said sum be recd and a receipt is now sign'd for the same accordingly.

Mr. Whitehill removed from the Secrety to the Accountants office.

An assistant being wanted in the Accountants Office ORDERED that Mr. John Whitehill be removed into that Office from the Secretarys.

60,000 Mad. Pags. to be provided for the Northern Settlements.

AGREED that sixty thousand Madrass Pagodas be purchased as opportunitys may present for the use of the Northern Settlements unless the Europe ships should bring a sufficient quantity of Gold for that purpose and our own demand for current pagodas.

Paupa Braminey reprimanded.

Agreebale to Order of Consultation the 13th. Instant Paupa Braminy is now called before the Board & severely reprimanded by the president for detaining in his custody sundry papers belonging to the Company.

He and Permal order'd to be discharg'd.

The Secrety acquaints the Board that all the papers and cadjans belonging to Permal Moodelair which were seiz'd at the same time with those belonging to Paupa, had been examin'd but there were found none relating to the Company. ORDERED that all the said papers and Cadjans be redeliver'd to him and both he and Paupa Braminey be releas'd.

Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED that two thousand seven hundred and two Pagodas twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2702. 25. 24) be advanc'd the Commissary to defray the charges of the Troops abroad.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to an order sent us by your Secretary We have been on board the ship St. George to survey the stowage of the Hon̄ble Companys Madeira Wine and are to acquaint your Honour &ca. that We find it stow'd in good order, Bung up, Bilge free and well choc'd up, as far as We could see.

We are
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum̄ Servant

Fort St. George
May 17th. 1754.

Thomas Savage.
Francis Taylor.

To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

In obedience to your directions for my replying to Captain Mainwarings Letter delivered into the Board with regard to the deficiencys demanded of him, which he submits to your consideration from some circumstances therein Mention'd to excuse his being accountable for them, I must likewise beg leave to refer it to your Determination of approving or disapproving those arguments, from the following I have to add on the subject.

For the Bale of Long Cloth short deliver'd at Fort St. David from the Colchester, It can be proved by our warehouse Diary and the Sea Gate Register Book of Exports. There were 1548 Bales on the whole sent off design'd on board that ship whilst she was under Dispatch here for Europe to that unfortunate day of the storm and it is to be presum'd those Number of Bales must actually have been received in the ship, since there is only one missing of the quantity carried off shore and our Boats are usually known to load six (neither more or less) at a time every Trip they make, and for a single Bale to miscarry being put on board, I think it hardly probable when it is evident all the Boats reach'd the ship to deliver their loading, but from the accident befallen to some of them in their Return to shore, We were deprived of two Boat Notes, and on Captain Mainwarings application to me for comparing the Receipts given by his Officers during the shipping off the Cargo, these two Receipts (as before said to be lost) were wanting for the exact number of twelve Bales to make up the full quantity which Captn. Mainwaring has introduc'd (as something plausible in his favour) by saying " It does not appear that the number of Bales contained in those Receipts doth exceed what were delivered at Fort St. David " and he had no reason to draw this conclusion from the Circumstance just related, as there were Receipts wanting for twelve Bales and not that only one in Dispute to compleat the number of 1545 reserved on Board with deducting three Bales return'd ashore at times by the notes to shew, said to be damag'd in getting aboard, amounted in all to 1548 of what went off to her as I have in the beginning setforth, and it is impossible for me to be any ways more distinct of clearing this matter up.

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The Salt petre landed from the Colchester was weighd off in presence of Captain Mainwaring's Purser, as also the Tare of the Baggs promiscuously taken since it was not then inserted in the Fort St. David Invoice to reconcile it otherwise, but from Captain Mainwarings Representation in his Letter, the Tare allowed him at Fort St. David being so much less than computed at this place, it is quite consistent with reason that difference should be ascertain'd to him of receiving it here as rated at Fort St. David.

For the Redwood it was partly weigh'd off by the Purser of the Colchester, he not having time to see the whole compleated before the Departure of that ship on her intended expedition to the Negrais and the remainder was finish'd by our Warehouse Conicoplys in taking the exact Weight of it, that there was
CA. MD. LB.
deficient 39. 10. 23 on this article, is beyond doubt and for what Captain Mainwaring has offered to apprehend how the deficiency arose, I take the liberty to recommend to your decision, as I could not anyways do less both by my office and conformable to the repeated and possitive commands received from our Honble Masters, of obliging the Commanders to pay for all Damages and short Deliverys of their Cargoes of their several ships, I made that Demand accordingly of Captain Mainwaring in consequence of those Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
20TH. APRIL 1754.

I am very respectfully
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant
CHARLES BODDAM

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

THE Humble Petition of Capt. Sullivan.

SHEWETH

THAT Your petitioner having been employ'd by this Honble Board to transport some Troops of the Honble English East India Companys from this their Settlement of Fort St. George to that of DeveCotah, for the [*sic*] which (as your petitioner is inform'd) it has been determin'd by this Honble Board to give this your petitioner one hundred pagodas as a Gratuity.

Now your petitioner humbly begs leave to represent to this Honble Board how greatly he must be a sufferer by the said determination (as his charges amount to upwards of two hundred & twenty Pagodas, should not this Honble Board take it into their further consideration and allow him such greater sums as may appear to them just and reasonable more especially as it must be justly suppos'd that the working against the Monsoon must be the occasion of great Wear and Tear in a Vessell.

AND Your Petitioner shall ever pray.

22D. Arrived Brigantine Maldeve Francis Corneva from Columbo.

" Do. ship Diligent, Perdiguier from Bussorah.

" Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David and DeveCotah dated this day.

23D. Arrived ship Fort St. David George Mackay from China Bombay and Malabar Coast and Fort St. David with two General Letters from the President and Council of Bombay dated the 10th. and 25th. Ultimo.

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Arrived sloop Malacca, William Kennedy from Malacca and Fort S^t. David with a General Letter from the latter dated the 16th. Instant. 24TH.

Recd. by Tappys General Letter from Fort S^t. David dated the 22^d. Instant. ,,

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^t. David & DeveCotah dated the 23^d. with a postcript [*sic*] of the 24th. as ℘ Extraord^y. Occurrences. ,,

Arrived snow Northumberland, Joseph Howard from Bombay with a General Letter from the Presid^t. and Council there dated the 23^d. April. 25

Arrived sloop Mercury, Antonio Nunes, from Fort S^t. David. ,,

Recd. by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated the 21st. Inst.

Arrived ship York, Thomas Woolley, from Fort S^t. David. 28TH.

AT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY THE 28TH.

Present

THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R. GOV^R. PRESIDENT.

CHARLES BODDAM. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXAND^R. WYNCH. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read & signd.

M^r. Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of complaint. **Hospital reported.**

General Letters read Viz^t. **General Letters read from Bombay.**

N°. 92, 93 and 96 from the President and Council of Bombay the first dated the 10th. April (being a Duplicate, the original whereof is not recd.) acknowledding [*sic*] the receipt of our Letter of the 28th. February and advising that they intend to send us as many Men as they can spare and that We may depend of receiving upwards of six hundred besides some Extraordinary officers from that presidency, that they have sent Orders to the Gentlemen at Tellicherry and Anjengo to forward Us one hundred and fifty Topasses and that they recommended it to the Gentlemen at Tellicherry to enlist & send Us some Caliquilone Seapoys who are esteem'd good soldiers. The second is dated the 25th. April advising that they send us on the Fort S^t. David a country ship detachment of 97 Swiss Officers included, and a seperate Detachment of 54 Men. That they have also embark'd on a snow called the Northumberland a Detachment consisting of one Lieutenant, one Serjeant, two European Corporals and eighteen Topass soldiers, they also advise that Our Honble Masters ships the Winchelsea and Montfort, imported there the 18th. April from Bengal but last from Tellicherry and are gone on Freight to Surat & when they return they propose dispatching them to us with the remainder of the Detachment which will consist of one compleat company of about 200 Men and three Compys. of Seapoys of upwards of three hundred Men. The third is dated the 23^d. April recd. by the Northumberland advising of the abovemention'd detachment aboard that snow.

N°. 94 & 95 from the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort S^t. David, the first dated the 16th. Instant advising that they have consign'd to us on the Mallacca sloop 50 Chevaux de Frize the other dated the 22^d. Instant acquainting us that M^r. Richard Fairfield was arrived there and had taken his seat at the Board when all the Employs under the charge of the late M^r. S^t. Paul were delivered him that the ship Fort S^t. David imported there the 21 and landed a **from Fort St. David.**

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Detachment from Bombay. That the Trevendeporum Renters absolutely refuse to take the prescribed Oath for the reasons they alledge in their petition enclosed, they therefore desire our orders how to proceed. That Mr. Hancock has delivered them an Indent for cloathing for the Hospital on which they desire Our Orders, as it amounts to a considerable sum.

From Deve-Cotah.

No. 97 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah dated 21st. Instant acquainting Us that his great hurry has prevented his answering Our Letter of the 8th. which he will do in a day or two and advising that Captain Pigou's Detachment march'd that morning in consequence of an Order from the Major. That the Enemy's Forces in the neighbourhood are greatly superiour to those he has now left, and a large body of them are posted on the other side the River ready to cross and destroy the villages he therefore requests leave to encrease both his Military & Seapoys as the means present for the defence of that settlem[ent] or that We will send him a proper Reinforcement as the whole of the Military there by being garbled are become nothing better than Invalids. He also requests leave to repair the Defences which were thrown up at the different Passes but now greatly decay'd.

Bombay Detachmt. sent to Deve-Cotah.

***Vide Ex occurrs 23d. Inst.**

On receipt of the above Letters from Bombay it was resolved to order the Detachment ℔ ship Fort St. David which had been landed at Fort St. David to proceed immediately to DeveCotah to join Captain Pigou's party there.*

Fort St. David to be wrote to.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be advised We peremtorily insist on the Trevendeporum Renters either paying or taking the prescrib'd Oath as we are certain it has been taken by some of their people since We had the form from them, and We the rather insist on it as We know it to be the most solemn Oath their Religion admits and what few will venture to take falsely, that we are ready on this Oath and not otherwise to allow the damages they say they have sustain'd. That the Indent for Cloaths for the Hospital may be complied with and supply'd by the Paymaster. That in case any of the Europe ships should touch there, We would have them take the first opportunity of sending as far as one hundred of the Recruits to DeveCotah where they may be disciplin'd and held in readiness for service.

*** Vide Extra Ocurrs. this day.**

St. George to be sent to Deve Cotah with a Reinforcement.

Agreed that the St. George be ordered to DeveCotah with a Reinforcement * and that five hundred Buckaneer pieces be sent at the same time.

Mr. Hopkins to begin the repair of the passes and send an Estimate.

As Mr. Hopkins represents it to be absolutely necessary that the Defences at the Passes shou'd be immediately repair'd Agreed that he be ordered to set about the most material and send us up an Estimate of the Charge immediately and that he be reprimanded for not sending one before agreeable to our Orders of the 8th. Instant.

A Lack of Rupees and 72000 fans. to be sent to St. David ℔ St. George with sundry stores. 30 pipes of Madeira to be landed there & 100 Candys of lead.

Agreed that a Lack of Rupees and two thousand pagodas worth of fanams with such part of their Indents as can now be comply'd with be sent to Fort St. David on the St. George and that the Gentlemen there be permitted to land from the said ship one hundred Candy of Lead and thirty pipes of the Madeira Wine consign'd to the Presidency of Bengall.

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The President lays before the Board a Letter to him from Captain Alexander Zeigler of the Detachment, requesting that his Detachment may have the same * Indulgences that were given to the Troops of that Garrison who were here before, without which he is apprehensive of Desertion, desiring also that his officers may have an advance made them on their pay as their sudden departure from Bombay did not admit of their providing themselves with necessaries for a Campaign representing likewise that it is now a Year and half since his Company has been cloathed, which cannot be deferr'd any longer, requesting therefore that he may be supply'd with the necessary oath.

* Meaning Diet Money.

Captn. Zeigier requests Diet money, an advance to his officers and Cloth for cloathing his company.

The Officers of the Bengal Detachment having been refused Diet Money when they apply'd sometime ago, it cannot without Impartiality be allowed to the Bombay Military, but to avoid giving them any Discontent it is AGREED that as they are immediately intended and Ordered for Camp, and their stay in Garrison cannot exceed a few days, the Officers be allow'd the usual Batta, and that the Men be dieted the same as if they were actually in the field, of which the Gentlemen at Fort St. David are to be advised and permitted to advance the officers so much of their pay as they shall think reasonable and also to issue the necessary cloth for cloathing Captain Zeiglers Company on his paying for the same.

Advance granted Batta in lieu of Diet. Cloth to be issued on his paying for it.

Mr. George Mackay one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court named in the Charter having been absent on a voyage and lately arrived here he is now called before the Board and the Oaths of allegiance and office duly administred to him, which the Secretary is ordered to signify to ye. Mayors Court.

M. Geo: Mackay sworn as an Alderman.

Letter from the Minister and Church Wardens read as entered hereafter, setting forth that before the loss of this Settlement all Boats employ'd on Sundays used to pay six fanams every Trip to the School stock and requesting that the same custom may be establish'd again.

The Minister and church Wardens desire all Boats Working on Sundays may pay 6 fans. to the school stock.

AGREED that the said Request be complied with as it is to promote a very laudable Work, and that publick Notice be given at the Sea Gate that all persons employing Boats on Sundays do pay six fanams each Trip over and above the usual hire.

Granted.

A Report from the committee for deducting [*sic*] the Works (to whom it was referr'd to consider of Coll. Scotts Letter and Mr. Boddam? Mr. Wynch's answers and to enquire into the truth of the several allegations) is now read as entered hereafter and in part confirm'd, part disapprov'd and recommended to their further consideration Vizt.

A Report from the committee for conducting the Works.

With respect to the making and furnishing the Company with Bricks and Chunam the said Report is confirmd and it is ORDERED that publick Notice be affix'd at the Town Gates, that all persons are at free Liberty to make Bricks and Chunam and that all such as may be inclin'd to contract for making and furnishing the Company with Bricks and Chunam may deliver in their proposals to the said Committee on or before the 1st. day of July next and it is further ORDERED that the person or persons with whom the said Committee shall so contract, shall during the Term of such contract have the sole and exclusive priviledge of making and vending Bricks within the Districts of Madrass, subject nevertheless to such restrictions as to the said Committee shall seem reasonable that so the profits arising from the broken and inferior sorts sold may the better enable the contractors to supply the Company at Reasonable Rates.

Sundry orders thereon

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The Method propos'd for providing other Materials for the Works, is also approved and therefore it is Ordered that the Engineer do annually or oftener if occasion should require draw out a List or Indent of what Materials he may think necessary for carrying on the works, which Materials are to be provided and valued by the said Committee and certify'd to the Paymaster or Storekeeper respectively, who on such certifycate and not otherwise are to pay for ye. same.

In regard to the Method proposed by the Committee to obviate the inconvenience or seeming irregularity which Coll. Scott takes notice of in the payments made in fanams and the rate of accounting for them, to wit " sundry " Materials being paid in fanams and accounted for only at 36 instead of 43 " fanams to the pagoda swell the apparent charge of the Works considerably." The Board are of opinion that it would create confusion were the Paymaster alone to keep his accounts at a different Exchange from all other Employs in the Companys service on this coast, besides that it would inevitably be attended with Irregularity as the Exchange of fanams sometimes varies; but that the Works may not seem more costly than they really are it is Ordered that the Paymastr. be advanc'd in fanams as usual and that at the foot of every Months account the difference of Exchange be wrote off as follows Vizt.

Profit and Loss Dr. to Fortifications &ca. Pags. . . . for the difference between the real Exchange of fanams being . . . and the rate at which they are accounted for being 36 ₱ Pagoda . . . Pags. . . .

And that the difference be wrote off in that manner Monthly in the General Books.

The Board are also of opinion that tho' a saving might seem'd to be made to the Company by contracting for the carpenters work by the piece which the Committee recommend, yet that no real Benefit will arise therefrom, for repeated Experience has shewn in this country as well as Europe that all Workmanship undertaken by the piece is much more slightly perform'd than when the Artificers are hired, for as the only saving to the contractor is in the Wages, the sooner the work is hurried over the greater is his profit nor can the most carefull surveys always prevent the deceit, it is therefore Ordered that the Carpenters work be perform'd in the same manner as it has hitherto been done.

The Board are inclin'd to think that Coll. Scott must have been led by some Misinformation to insert amongst the articles which he says swell the Works to an exorbitant sum, " that Timber and other stores are supply'd by the Store- " keeper at his own price without any check " since it appears by the Committee's Report that they had inspected the storekrs. Books and found that every thing purchas'd of him amounted to no more than 130 Pagodas which was charg'd at the same prices the like article was sold at to others.

In regard to the Charge in Coll. Scott's Letter against the Paymaster for sending the " best whole Bricks to the Black Town whilst the Company's Works are supply'd with broken ones and those none of the best ", the Board do not think the Committee's Report satisfactory as the affair still rests between an assertion on the one part and negation on the other, it is therefore again referr'd to the said Committee to enquire of the several persons employ'd by the Paymaster and Engineer at the Brick Kilns and others and use such lawfull means as they shall think may best lead to a discovery of the truth whether any and what good whole Bricks, and when have been carried to the Black Town as charg'd in the Cols. Letter, & it is also referr'd to them to enquire and state as accurately as possible whether any unreasonable or what profit has hitherto been made on Bricks and chunam supply'd for the works and make their Report thereof that it may appear whether the Company has really been injured as is insinuated.

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The Storekeeper delivers in as entered hereafter an account of sundry deficiencys in the stores occasion'd by Rust, decay and loss on sale amounting to one hundred and forty Pagodas, three fanams and ten cash which is ORDERED to be wrote off to profit and Loss. He also lays before the Board an account of sundry broken and unserviceable stores which are ordered to be survey'd by Messrs. Alexander Wynch and Charles Bourchier Storekeeper and Military Storek^r^. and reported.

Deficiencys in the stores by Rust &c^a^. to be wrote off. Sundry Broken stores to be surveyd and reported.

A Report from M^r^. Charles Bourchier and Captains Edmund Maskelyne and John Brohier appointed to survey sundry decay'd Military stores is read together with a List as entered hereafter particularising such as are quite unserviceable such as may be repaired and such as may be used in repairing others also an account of sundry Fire arms belonging to Nabob Mahamed Ally Cawn which were sent in here by his people but never carried to his credit the greatest part of them being deem'd unserviceable.

Report of the unserviceable Mility stores.

ORDERED that such of the said Military stores as are reported to be unserviceable be sold at outcry, except the Fire arms of which such are to be reserved for repairing of others as are represented may be serviceable in that way, and that the other useless Barrells &c^a^. be sent to Europe by the first opportunity that may offer Freight free, and in regard to the Nabob's Old Arms it is ORDERED that they be pack'd up in Chests to be delivered to whomsoever he may appoint, but that no Credit be given in his account for them as they are reported in a bad condition.

Order thereon.

ORDERED that the Military Storekeeper purchase any good Fire arms for the Company that may offer.

Mility Storek^r^. to purchase fire arms.

The Committee of Treasury Report that the Treasure by the S^t^. George turns out agreeable to Invoice.

Treasure ℔ S^t^. George right.

The Import Warehousekeeper represents that thirty Horses or stands are wanted for the Bales in the Godown, ORDERED that they be made.

30 stands to be made for the Imp^o^. Wareh^o^.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master reads that account for last Month, Ballance then remaining in the Mint six hundred and five Arcot Rupees, eleven annaees (605. 11) and twenty seven (27) Madrass Pagodas, the last of which are now paid into Cash, and due to the Mint thirty current Pagodas, fourteen fanams and fifteen Cash (30. 14. 15) which are paid him.

Monthly acco^t^. read of the Mint.

Charles Boddam Export Warehousek^r^. reads that account for last Month, Ballance due from him three hundred and ninety three Pagodas, ten fanams and seventy one Cash (393. 10. 71) which is carried forward.

Export Warehouse

Charles Boddam Paymaster reads that account for last Month.

CHARGES GARRISON ... ... Pag^s^.	206	24	78
CHARGES HOSPITAL	189	2	60
PEONS AND SERVANTS WAGES	375	20	—
CHARGES GENERAL	76	24	46
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	239	5	26
REPAIRS	745	28	13
FORTIFICATIONS	2591	—	16
POONEMALEE &C^A^. Villages	24	24	63
S^T^. THOME &C^A^. Villages	21	26	50
ALLOWANCES OF THE COURT OF REQUESTS	23	12	—
MADDAPOLLAM FACTORY	108	12	—
CHARGES CATTLE	66	24	—
CHARGES DIET	583	12	—
	5252	1	32

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Ballance due from him one thousand one hundred and eighteen Pagodas, thirteen fanams and forty four Cash (1118. 13. 44) which is carried forward.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer reads that accounts for last Month Ballance due from him nine thousand and forty three Pagodas, twenty four fanams and twelve Cash (9043. 24. 12) which is carried forward.

Imp^{o}. Warehouse.

Henry Powney Imp^{o}. Wareh^{o}.k^{r}. reads that acco^{t}. for last Month Ballance due from him two thousand four hundred and eighty six pagodas and seventeen fanams (2486. 14 [*sic*]) which is carried forward.

Storekeeper

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper, reads that acco^{t}. for last Month Ballance due from him two thousand four hundred and thirty four Pagodas, eighteen fanams and one Cash (2434. 18. 1) of which he now pays in fifteen hundred.

Land Customer.

John Smith Land Customer [rea]ds that account for last Month, Ballance due from him nine hundred and thirty one Pagodas nine fanams, and eight Cash (931. 9. 8) which he now pays in.

Military Paym^{r}.

John Smith Military Paymaster reads that account for last Month Ballance due to him four hundred and seventy three pagodas, nine fanams and sixty six Cash (473. 9. 66) which is carried forward.

Milit̃y Storek^{r}.

Charles Bourchier Military Paymaster reads that account for last Month Ballance due from him one hundred and forty seven pagodas, nineteen fanams and sixty three Cash (147. 19. 63) which is carried forward.

Journal parcells.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Journal parcells for the Month of March last.

Engineers Acco^{t}.

The Engineers account of Expences of Fortifications and Repairs &c^{a}. for last Month is also laid before the Board.

Money paid in for Rup^{s}. sold.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^{r}. paid into Cash the 23^{d}. Instant ten thousand (10000) Pagodas for a Remittance to Camp, the 24th. two thousand seven hundred and two Pagodas, twenty five fanams and twenty four Cash (2702. 25. 24) for an advance to the Commissary and two thousand five hundred (2500) Pagodas to compleat a Remittance of five thousand (5000) Pagodas to camp as ꝑ last Consultation and Extraordinary Occurrences.

Commissary pays in money acco^{t}. Tripoty Rents.

The Commissary pays in seventeen thousand six hundred and ninety one Pagodas, thirteen fanams and fifteen Cash (17691. 13. 15) for so much paid him by the shroffs on account of the first payment of half the Septr. and December Kists of the Tripoty Rents as explain'd at large in Extraordinary Occurrences the 29th. April Ordered that it be placed to the Credit of Mahomed Ally Cawn's Acco^{t}.

Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm p^{d}. in

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permal Kelleva Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers pay in six hundred sixty six pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ult^{o}.

also The arrack and Wine Licence.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permall Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence pay in three hundred and thirty three pagodas and twelve fanams (333. 12) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ult^{o}.

Import Wareh^{r}. pays in on his running acco^{t}. &

Henry Powney Import Warehousek^{r}. pays in two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running account.

for Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Import Wh^{o}.k^{r}. pays in five thousand (5000) Pagodas for Rupees sold.

Sea Customer on his running acco^{t}.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in one thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running account

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AGREED that ten thousand pagodas be advanc'd Tellesinga Chitty &c[a]. Merchants on account the Investm[t]. Advances to Tellisinga &c[a]. merch[ts].

AND that the following advances be made out of Cash for the charges of the several Employs Viz[t].

To the Paymaster four thousand five hundred (4500) Pagodas. Paymaster.

To the Mility Paymaster four thousand five hundred and forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (4540. 19. 37) AND Mility Paym[r]. & Mility Storek[r].

To the Military Storek[r]. five hundred (500) Pagodas.

THO[S]. SAUNDERS.
CHA[S]. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
A[R]. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CH[S]. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We beg leave to remind you that before the Capture of this place all Boats that were employ'd of a Sunday used to pay six fanams every Trip to the school stock, which is now incorporated with the Church stock the charitable Expences of which are lately encreas'd by the erecting a publick Charity school here under the Reverend M[r]. Stavely and by a Monthly allowance to several of the European Inhabitants.

We beg your Honour &c[a]. will take it into your consideration and give Orders for its being collected as before.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Serv[t].

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
28TH. MAY 1754.

SAMUEL STAVELY. *Minister.*
ALEX[R]. WYNCH. } *Church*
CHARLES BOURCHIER. } *Wardens.*

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to an order of Consultation appointing us a Standing Committee to consider of Ways and means to car'y on the Honble Company's works with frugality and Expedition and to enquire into the several Matters complain'd of in Col[l]. Scott's Letter We take leave to lay before you the following.

Colonel Scott represents in his Letter that M[r]. Robins fixed the price of Bricks at 1500 ℘ Pagoda with which the Paymaster is not contented. In answer to this M[r]. Boddam informs Us that he cannot make them according to the new Regulation at that price, for if he did he should be a considerable

sufferer. As to the Complaint the Col[l]. makes in his Letter of great supplies of the best Bricks being carried to the Black Town for private work, M[r]. Boddam assures us that to his knowledge there has been none of the best sort carried to any place but to the Companys works for it is his positive Orders that only the Company be supply'd with them, and that the Engineers people has had the Inspection of the Kilns to prevent any being sent to private works but those that were not fit for the Companys Use. The Timber and other stores which the Colonel observes are supply'd by the storekeeper without any check, M[r]. Wynch acquaints us that he has supply'd the Company with stores, at the same price he did other persons, and that the whole purchas'd of him amounted to no more than about 130 Pagodas, Timber and plank included and produced his accounts to prove the same.

The observation made by the Colonel that the Cooley hire and sundry Materials being paid for in fanams & accounted for at 36 fanams ℔ Pagoda when the Exchange is at 43 fanams, make the works appear at a greater expence than they realy are; To remedy this We think the Paym[r]. should be advanc'd pagodas, and that part of the Works & Materials paid for in fanams, be charg'd in his accounts at the Current Exchange.

Having duely considered what Methods can be taken to provide Materials in the most frugal manner that the Company may be at as little Expence as possible, we propose that the Engineer deliver in an Indent to the Board of what Materials may be wanted for the Year, and upon approbation of the Board those Materials to be purchas'd by the Committee and paid for by the Paymaster and Storekeeper according to their respective Employments. As the Company has forbid the Paymaster being the only provider of Bricks, We think publick notice should be given that any person who is willing to contract for Bricks and likewise chunam deliver in their proposals to the Committee, as Carpenter's work runs very high, it is Our opinion it may be done at a less Expence by contracting, the Company supplying the contractor with Materials, all which We submit to your further consideration and are with Respect.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed. H~ble~ Servants,

28TH. MAY 1754.

HENRY POWNEY.
JOHN SMITH.
JOHN BROHIER.

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PROFIT AND LOSS DR. TO SUNDRY ACCOUNTS PAGS. 140. 3. 10 FOR SO MUCH LOST BY SALE WORN OUT BY RUST &CA. ON THE FOLLOWING HEADS VIZT.

Iron	Bar	18	—	—	38	—	—			
	Bolt	12	—	7	40	5	40			
	Rod	6	1	14	15	33	60			
	Hoop	2	3	12	7	30	50			
								101	33	70
Steel	....	—	2	5 lb.		..		2	4	20
Nails	small Brads			9	—	33	60			
	Pump			10	1	6	40			
	2d.			22	1	30	—			
	3d.			25	1	26	40			
	4			44	2	27	—			
	6			24	1	9	—			
	Scupper			7	—	15	60			
								10	4	40
Nails	midling 10d.			27	1	1	20			
	20			65	2	25	40			
	24			110	4	21	—			
	30			85	3	17	40			
	40			44	1	30	—			
	sheathing			127	4	14	60			
								18	12	—
Nails Large ..	Spike			20	—	22	40			
	Brd. Head			22	—	33	—			
								1	19	40
Wire	Iron			2¼		..		—	15	60
Tar and pitch ..	Tar			1½ Bal.	4	18	—			
	Pitch			¼	—	29	20			
								5	11	20
Naval stores ..	Shovel 1					..		—	10	—
					PAGODAS ..			140	3	10

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having agreeable to your Orders survey'd the Military stores represented unserviceable, We now lay before your Honour &ca. Lists of what are really so as well as such Articles as We have found capable of being repair'd some of the Fire Arms inserted amongst the decay'd stores, as they are not capable of being made fit for Service again may nevertheless be of use in refitting others that become faulty, several of their Locks, screws, Barrells &ca. being very good, Wherefore We are of opinion they should be reserv'd for that purpose.

The Nabobs Arms are in so bad a condition that it would be of little Effect to give them any repair for which Reason he has never received any Credit for them, and as they are of very little worth We submit it to your Honour &ca.

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determination, if it would not be proper to return them to him the first convenient opportunity rather than that they should be charg'd to the Honble Company. We remain with the utmost Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. MAY 1754.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.
EDMD. MASKELYNE.
JOHN BROHIER.

ACCOUNT OF MILITARY STORES, DECAYD BROKEN WASTED BY RUST &CA. FOR THE LAST YEAR WHICH ARE IRREPARABLE VIZT.

Bayonet pieces	42	147	—	—
Musquets	46	100	22	40
Buchaneer pieces	35	61	22	10
Trading Guns	37	55	18	—
Do. without Locks	2	3	—	—
French pieces	16	32	—	—
Carbines	16	18	—	—
Pistolls	9 pair.	22	18	—
Do. without Lock	1 do.	2	18	—
Brass Hangers	5	2	8	—
Standing Vice	1	5	11	32
Files	34	4	9	—
Rubber	1	—	10	—
Powder Horns	22	4	32	—
Tubes	380	10	20	—
Tanned Hides	2	2	—	—
Cow skins	2	2	—	—
Sheep Do.	65	2	35	2
Tarpawlings	2	12	26	4
Powder Cloth	1	6	16	24
Screen	1	13	18	—
Steel Bitts	30	1	3	30
Hand saws	2	1	27	—
Compass	1 pr.	2	—	—
Park pickets	12	9	—	—
Budge Barrel	1	—	18	—
Wooden Drivets	6	—	18	—
Wooden Mallets	17	—	23	30
PAGODAS		525	14	12

ACCOUNT OF MILITARY STORES CAPABLE OF BEING MADE SERVICEABLE VIZT.

Hand screws	5
Bayonet pieces	8
Muskets	8

CHARLES BOURCHIER.
EDMUND MASKELYNE.
JOHN BROHIER.

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ACCOUNT of the Condition of the fire arms inserted in the List annex'd marked N°. 1 part of which the irreparable may yet be serviceable in repairing others and the rest are quite useless as particulariz'd hereunder.

Bayonet piece Barrels ..	fit for repairing others		20
	useless		22
Musket Barrells	fir for repairing others		29
	useless		17
Buchaneer piece Barrels.	fit for repairing others		31
	useless		4
Trading Gun Barrells ..	fit for repair		27
	useless		12
French piece Barrells ..	fit for repairing others		9
	useless		7
Carbine Barrells	d°.		16
Pistol Barrells	fit for repairing others	pr.	5
	useless	d°.	5
Bayonet piece Locks ..	fit for repairing others		27
	useless		20
Musket Locks	fit for repairing others		31
	useless		15
Buckaneer piece Locks ..	fit for repairing others		21
	useless		14
Trading Gun Locks ..	fit for repairing others		14
	useless		23
French piece Locks ..	fit for repairing others		5
	useless		11
Carbine Locks	fit for repairing others		8
	useless		8
Pistol Locks	fit for repairing others		10
	useless		8
Bayonet piece stocks ..	fit for repairing others		2
	useless		40
Musket Locks	d°.		46
Buckaneer piece Locks ..	d°.		35
Trading Gun stocks ..	fit for repairing others		6
	useless		33
French piece stocks ..	d°.		16
Carbine stocks	d°.		16
Pistol stocks	d°.		20

CHS. BOURCHIER.

J. BROHIER. EDMD. MASKELYNE.

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List of Arms belonging to Nabob Mahamed Ally Cawn Bahader received from the several Garrisons in the Country at different times Vizt.

Pieces without Bayonets	15
Do. without Locks	19
Musketts	24
Do. without Locks	3
Buckaneer pieces	6
Do. without Locks	10
Trading Guns	32
Do. without Locks	14
French pieces	6
Do. without Locks	38
Carbines	16
Iron Blunderbusses without Locks	2
Match Locks	16
Ianjal pieces	26

Charles Bourchier.
Edmund Maskelyne.
John Brohier.

Extraordinary Expences in the Paymasters Account are in the following particulars April 30th. 1754.

Charges Extraordinary	P.	239	5	26
Repairs		745	28	13
Fortifications		2591	—	16
Poonamalee &ca. Villages		24	24	63
St. Thomé &ca. Villages		21	26	50
Allowances of the Court of Requests		23	12	—
Maddapollam Factory		108	12	—
Pagodas		3754	1	8

Errors Excepted.

℘ Charles Boddam,
Paymr.

29th. Sailed ship King of Denmark, formerly the Brill, Crim Back for Tranquebar.

— Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David & DeveCotah dated this day.

— Sent by a Country Boat General Letter to Vizagapatam dated this day with 1000 Baggs of Rice.

30th. Sailed ship Britannia Richard Riccard for Bengal.

— Do. ship Speedwell, John Coatsworth for Bengal with a Genl. Letter to the Gentlemen there dated this day.

— Recd by Tappies Genl. Letter from DeveCotah dated 24th. Inst.

31st. Sailed ship Betsey, Edward Roach, for Bengal.

— Sailed the Honble Companys ship St. George, Robert Robertson for Fort St. David and DeveCotah with Genl. Letters to the Gentlemen at both those Settlements dated this day.

— Recd by pattamar Genl. Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. Instt.

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Recd by Tappies Genl. Letter from DeveCotah dated 27th. Ulto. 1st.

Arrived snow Fanny, Thomas Warner, from Bombay with Genl. Letter from the President & Council there dated 12th. Ulto. 2d.

Sailed ship York, Thomas Woolley, for Bengall. —

Do. ship Diligent, Perdiguer, for Do. —

Arrived the Honble Companys ship Stafford, John Green, from Bombay and Tellicherry, with one Genl. Letter from the former dated 3d. Ulto. and two from the latter dated 20th. April and 19th. May. 3

Recd by Tappies Genl. Letters from Fort St. David dated 31st. } Ulto. —
from DeveCotah 30th.

At a Consultation

Present

Thomas Saunders Esqr. Governour Presidt. — Monday the 3d.

Charles Boddam. Henry Powney.

John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

Mr. Wynch *absent*.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 28th. May read and sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Mr. Wynch being prevented from attending Consultation reports in writing that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

General Letters read from Deve Cotah.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 98. 100. 103 from Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of DeveCotah, the first dated the 24th. May acquainting us that he was misinform'd in regard to the twelve [1] Call Cloth which he called Chillumbrum tho' it was actually made at Chially for sixty three Pagodas and a half a Corge, where are also made Long Cloth of nine Call at Pags. 45$\frac{3}{4}$ ₰ Corge and Sallempores of twelve Call at 27$\frac{7}{8}$. That he will write to Fort St. David on the subject and acquaint us with the answer. In regard to Charges he observes that supposing them to be equal to what are paid at St. David, the difference of the first cost will remain, as to Godown Rent he apprehends the Investment will not be so considerable but that three sides of the [2] Veranda of the Choultry there, may answer the end especially as 'tis not probable any quantity of Bales will be suffered to lye there long; the Expences for servants he computes at a very Trifle as the Lascars may be employ'd for packers and answer that end very well for brown Goods, and no other can be had for want of Washermen, Dressers, &ca. That Mr. Dawson having carried away with him all the Monthly papers from 18th. March 1752 to Ultimo September 1753 to bring up the Books to that time, puts it out of his power to do more than rectify the Monthly accounts since that time, but he requests the Books may be compleated & sent him that those ending April 1753 may be brought forward. That the Limits of that Settlement being extensive, the number of Men We have appointed for its defence are not sufficient when the Enemy are Vigilant especially as Detachments are frequently made for Escorts by which means and the sick and wounded there are but a few more

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1. Literally meaning leg—here it represents cloth measure.

2. An open pillared gallery round a house, *Hobson Jobson*, page 964.

than two hundred seapoys left which is not a sufficient strength to oppose the Enemy, for the evening Captain Pigou's party march'd away, they penetrated into the Bounds and burnt several villages without his being able to prevent it, that the Enemy again cross'd the River to make some further attempt but he march'd with his whole force being about 45 Military and 170 Seapoys and oblig'd them to repass the River. That the Train and Lascars are equally deficient, 4 of the first and 20 of the latter being taken away by Captain Pigou, another Inconvenience is that DeveCotah being consider'd as a General Magazine, it is expected that all manner of accomodations are to be found there to the great disappointment of those who pass through it for Camp. That he is at a loss how to act on emergent occasions that cannot admit of time to write for our orders, he therefore desires Our direction to serve as a Constant Rule. That he will observe our directions for sending Estimates in future of the Cost of Repairs that the utmost frugality has been used in what has already been done which was absolutely necessary as he found the place in a very ruinous condition. That the repairing the defences at the several passes cannot amount to more than 50 Pagodas, that the Dungaree We take notice off has been used in making Baggs to be fitted with Earth to form Mertons with on the Bastions for a defence against small arms, without which the People at the Guns would be exposed, and in regard to the price he can say nothing as it was provided at Fort St. David; that Mr. Perceval being prevented by an accident from going thither, he found it necessary for the defence of the place, to detain Ensign Scottney, as two Officers at least are necessary; that the Gun Carriages being much out of Repair, and the casks belonging to the Garrison being frequently in want of cooperage, he requests that a cooper with Train Carpenters and people may be fix'd on that Establishment. The second Letter is dated the 27th. May and advises the receipt of ours of the 22d. but as Captain Innis is in so bad a state of Health as to keep his Room he could not proceed to Camp, the rest of the Officers went with the Detachment which was safe as far as Combiconam. The Third Letter is dated the 30th. May acknowledges Our Letters of the 23d. and 24th. and advises that the Bombay Detachment was embark'd at St. David the 27th. in nine Chellingas five of which were arrived with 2 Lieutenants, 6 serjeants, 5 Corporals, 2 Drums, 62 Europeans and 31 Topasses, the other four Boats being missing and as there is reason to fear they may have drove to sea the land Winds having blown very hard, he had dispatch'd the Dragon sloop in quest of them. That the Godowns in which the Company's Grain is deposited, as well as several other Buildings having been entirely unthatch'd by the violence of the Winds he requests leave to Tile them which will be a better security against Fire as well as Wind. That as the French still continue to stop the Letters and seize and imprison their servants, &ca. he desires directions how to act & as he apprehends the Troops expected from Europe are design'd for Camp, he submits it to our consideration whether it would not be proper to Our consideration whether it would not be proper to have a vessell cruzing off Tranquebar to order the Commander to land their Recruits at DeveCotah.

Ingeram. No. 99 from Mr. Foss WestCott at Ingeram dated the 6th. May enclosing the Monthly papers for April, in regard to the Morattas he acquaints us that all the peons he has sent out for Intelligence have been stopp'd, so that we cannot learn any news to be depended on.

from Bombay No. 101 & 104 from the President and Council of Bombay, the first dated the 12th. May and recd. by the Fanny Snow, enclosing a List of 26 Military sent Us on that Vessell with an account of provisions supply'd them. The second dated the 3d. of May and recd. by the Stafford, advising that they send us on that ship a reinforcement of 50 soldiers and two Officers, and that 100 Topasses are to be sent from Tellicherry, which are to be incorporated in

Captain Forbes's Company, as soon as these are landed the Ship is to proceed Immediately Canton [*sic*] enclosing Remittances for fifty thousand one hundred Arcot Rupees which they desire We will receive and forward to Bengal.

from Fort St. David.

N°. 102 from the Deputy Governor and Council of Fort S^{t}. David, dated 31st. Ult^{o}. acknowledging the receipt of our Letters of the 22^{d}. and 23^{d}. Instant and advising that they dispatch'd the Bombay Detachment to DeveCotah the 27th. Ult^{o}. in nine Chellingas, two of which are parted from the rest in a Land Squall and return'd there but shall be sent again as soon as the Weather permits, that Captain Pascall set out the same day for DeveCotah. That they have received the amount of the Bill sent them on Linga Chittee['s] Agent. That in regard to the Extract sent them of Captain Mainwarings Letter relating to his deficiency they admit that the Redwood was dug out of the Sand and that shortly after a very heavy Monsoon, so that 'tis probable [it] might be Water soken, they say also it had many hollows and in the hurry of Dispatch some sand might remain in them, tho' the sand was clean'd out in the best manner time would admit, as to the saltpetre they say, even admitting what Captain Mainwaring alledges of the badness of the scales to be true (which M^{r}. Cooke does not recollect), it could make no difference as the Scale was chang'd every ten draughts and the same care was taken to prevent pilferage that has always been usual by sending a Companys peon in every Boat.

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N°. 105 and N°. 106 from the Chief &c^{a}. Factors at Tellicherry the first dated the 20th. April (being a Duplicate the original whereof is not yet received, acknowledging the receipt of Our Letter of the 17th. February enclos^{g}. a packet from Bombay and advising they are ordered to send us one hundred Topasses and as many * Caliquilone Seapoys as they can enlist. That they dispatch this Letter to us overland viâ Cochin, that the Winchelsea and Montfort and Stafford left Goa the 7th. April for Bombay. The Second is dated the 19th. May advising the receipt of Our Letter of the 16th. March with a Packet for Bombay which they dispatch by the way of Goa, as no sea Conveyances offer at this time of the Year, that they have laden 400 Candies of sandal wood and
Can. Md. lb.
751. 11. 14 of peper on board the Stafford for China which is all Captain Green could take in thó short of his Tonnage, that he is ordered to touch here to land 100 Topasses and 60 Seapoys and Calliquilones including Officers, that they enclose a List of what is to be paid to their familys there, and they could have sent more of the latter but Captain Green could not take them in that they have debted us for the amount of the provisions &c^{a}. being Rupees 5101. –. 38.

Deve Cotah to be wrote to

Agreed that M^{r}. Hopkins be directed to send up fresh Musters of Chially Cloth with the prices compared with what is given at S^{t}. David, and acquainted that in regard to the Dungaree made into sand Baggs for Merlons it is the first time We ever heard of Dungaree being applied to that use, as Gunnies would be much cheaper and more durable, that We shall order M^{r}. Call to survey the Gun Carriages as well as what Repairs may be necessary, and on his Report We shall give proper directions.

Deficiencys ℔ Colchester settled.

† Vide his Letter entd. after consultnt. 16th April.

As the Gentlemen at S^{t}. David in some measure acknowledge what Captain Mainwaring alledges in regard to the deficiency of Redwood † Agreed that they be debted for the difference being 39. 10. 23 (ca. Md. lb.) for as by the Water & sand in the said Wood its weight was encreas'd by so much they have wrote off from their Books, that quantity of Redwood ought to be still remaining. And in regard to the saltpetre be the case either as the Gentlemen at S^{t}. David say or as

* Canyancollam or Cully Quilon, formerly a Dutch Settlement on the West Coast. *Manual of Administration by Maclean, p.* 151, *Vol. III.*

The Calli-Quiloners (Mapillas) *Malabar District Manual*, pp. 344, 401, Vol. I.

Captain Mainwaring states it, it pleads nothing in his favour, for the changing the scale every ten draughts was equally for as against but if the scales were as the Captain alledges scarcely moved from the poiz by an addition of three pounds, this seems to make against him, because in weighing off all manner of Goods, the scale in which the Goods are put is always made to subside, so that he must have been a gainer of three pounds by each draught instead of a loser, it is therefore ORDERED that he make good the deficiency of salt petre being 28. 1. 27. (P. qr. lb.)

Stores & utensils with the detachm^t. from Bby to be put under charge of the storek^r.

ORDERED that the Storek^r. take an exact account of the remaining stores and provisions shipp'd at Bombay on board the several vessells on which they have and may send us any Reinforcements, also the utensills such as coppers &c^a. for the use of the soldiers, and as the Men brought in the ship Fort S^t. David were landed at S^t. David, the Gentlemen there are to be wrote to for an account of what received there.

Bombay to be wrote to for an acco^t. of the arms sent with the Detachment.

The Gentlemen at Bombay having omitted to send us any account of the arms sent with the Detachment AGREED that they be wrote to on that head.

Report Leakage of the Madeira Wine ₩ St. George.

Captn. Robinson to pay the leakage of half a pipe.

The Import Warehousek^r. lays before the Board as entered hereafter, a Report that the Madeira Wine landed here from the S^t. George has suffered nothing more than the common leakage excepting one pipe which is half out, he further Reports that it will take up about six pipes to make good the usuall Leakage, and the prime cost will then be forty pagodas, thirty one fanams and sixty two Cash ₩ pipe. ORDERED that Captain Robinson pay for the half pipe leak'd out.

The Companys serv^ts. to be supplied with Madeira wine at Pag^s. 52 ₩ Pipe this Year.

As our Honble Masters out of their Indulgent care of their servants are pleased to send a ship annually to Madeira to supply their own Settlem^ts. with wine, it must be contrary to their intention, that Foreigners should be suffered to rob their servants of this advantage by bidding at the outcrys to an immoderate Price, this was the case last year when several persons were employ'd to purchase a large quantity of Madeira Wine for the Dutch by which means it was raised in value beyond the reach of many of the Company's Junior servants whose allowances scarcely suffice to purchase the meer [*sic*] necessarys of Life, The Board therefore humbly hope they act conformable to the Intention of their Employers in limitting the price of the Wine for the use of their servants so as they may be supply'd at a Moderate Rate and yet a profit arise to the Company equal to their risque, to that Intent it is AGREED that the price for the Company's servants, Civil and Military this year be 52 Pagodas a pipe which is upwards of 25 ₩ Cent upon the prime Cost allowing for Leakage, That none under the Degree of a Junior Merchant be allowed more than one pipe and the rest not exceeding two, nor even that unless it be actually for their own use, and it is AGREED that after the pipes are filled up all exceeding 50 Pipes be reserved to supply the Compys. servants, which fifty Pipes are Ordered to be sold at Outcry on Thursday the 13th. Inst. to the highest bidder.

Indent for necessarys for the powder Mill to be complied with.

The Milit^y Storekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Indent of sundry necessarys for the Powder Mi[ll] ORDERED that he purchase the same.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1754* —

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to Resolution of Consultation the 20th. Ulto., the season growing late and supplys being necessary for the Northern Settlements, he had discours'd with Linga Chitty & others about providing Madrass Pagodas & that Linga Chitty offered to contract for 30,000 to be delivered in forty days at ten ℔ Cent Batta AGREED that the contract be accepted and that fifteen thousand Pagodas be advanc'd him on that account. Contract with Linga Chitty for 30,000 Mss. Pagodas. 15,000 Pags. advanc'd him on that accot.

The President reads the Cash account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the chest twenty seven thousand five hundred and twenty four Pagodas twenty two fanams and sixty four Cash (27524. 22. 64) and nine hundred and thirty seven (937) Madrass Pagodas, which is carried forward. Cash accot. read. also.

The Treasury accounts for last Month are also read the several Ballances remaining being compared and found right are seventy eight thousand three hundred and twenty three Arcot Rupees, twelve annaes and nine pice (78323. 12. 9) and eight thousand, three hundred and twenty (8320) Madrass Rupees which are carried forward. the Treasury accot.

Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. paid in the 1st. Instt. to compleat an advance to the Paymaster as ℔ Order of last Consultation, five hundred and forty Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty seven Cash (540. 19. 37) for Rupees sold. Money paid in for Rupees sold.

Henry Powney Import WareHo.kr. now pays in for Rupees sold thirteen thousand (13000) Pagodas. Do.

AGREED that four thousand Pagodas be advanc'd the Expo. Wareho.kr. to pay for Rice purchas'd to be sent to Vizagapatam. Advance to the Export Wareho. kr.

THOS. SAUNDERS.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
...L............
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Fort St. George, May 1754.

The Honble United Company's Cash.

Dr.		Pags.		
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month ... Pags.	10952	18	75
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Warehousekr. recd of him for Rupees sold	540	19	37
6	To Do. Do. Do.	2000	—	—
—	To Claud Russell Accompt. General of the Mayors Court received of the Register of the said Court on account the Estate of Coja Mirzam deceas'd.	153	2	—
—	To Fines and Forfeitures received of the Mayors Court being the amount of Fines they had imposed and levy'd	10	—	—
13	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.keeper received of him for Rups. sold	17000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running accot.	1000	—	—
20	To Claud Russell Accomptant General of the Mayors Court recd of the Register of the said Court on account the Estate of Levy Moses decd.	186	9	61
23.	To Henry Powney, Impo.Wareho.kr. received of him for Rupees sold	10000	—	—
24	To Do. do. Do.	2702	25	24
26	To Do. do. Do.	2500	—	—
28	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty Beetle & Tobacco Farmers, recd of them one Months rent of that Cowle due 1st. Ulto.	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permall Kellava Chitty Farmers of the arrack and wine Licence recd of them one Months Rent of that Cowle due 1st. Ulto.	333	12	—
—	To John Smith Land Customer recd of him the Ballance for last Month of that account ...	931	9	8
—	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master recd. of him the Ballance of Mss. Pagodas in that account for last Month	27	—	—

⅌ Contra.

		Cr.		
1st.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanc'd him to pay the Military	5540	19	37
—	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanced him for the charges of that Employ	2000	—	—
6th.	By Charles Boddam Paymaster advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ	2000	—	—
13.	By Charles Boddam Export Warehousekeeper advanc'd him to purchase Rice	7000	—	—
—	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him to defray the charges of the Troops abroad ...	2000	—	—
23d.	By Fort St. David remitted to the Deputy Govr. and Council by a Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chittee on his Gomasta at 20 days sight as ⅌ Consultation the 20th. Instant	10000	—	—
—	By Batta paid premium on the above Bill of Exchange at ½ ⅌ Cent	50	—	—
24.	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad as ⅌ Consultation 20th. Instant	2702	25	24
26.	By Alexander Wynch Commissary advanc'd him for a remittance to Camp as ⅌ Extra Occurrences 20th. Instant	5000	—	—
28.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of that account for last Month	30	14	15
—	By Madrass Pagodas for the Mint April Ballance.	27	—	—
—	By Tellisinga Chitty &ca. Merchants advanced them on accot. of the Investment	10000	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	500	—	—
—	By Fort St. David sent thither in fanams ⅌ St. George	2000	—	—

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1754* —

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fans.	Cash
28	To Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn, recd of the Commissary for so much paid him in part of what due for the Septembr. & December Kists of the Tripoly Rents as ₱ Extraordiñy Occurrences 29th. April last	17691	13	15
—	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. received of him for Rups. sold	5000	—	—
—	To Batta gain'd on the Exchange of 10,000 Pagodas into Fanams at 42 fans. 40 Cash ₱ Pagoda fans. 6500	180	20	—
28th.	To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper recd of him in part of the Ballance of that account for last Month	1500	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Impo. Wareho.kr. recd of him on his runng. accot.	2000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer, recd of him on his running accot.	1000	—	—
	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	76375	9	60

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fans.	Cash
31st.	By Ballance carried to next Month	27524	22	64
	Star or Currt. Pags. ...	76375	9	60

Errors Excepted

₱ Thomas Saunders

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1754 —

Fort St. George, May 1754.

Madras Pagodas.

Dr.			Cr.		
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Months account.	910 — —	31st.	By Ballance carried to next Month's account ...	937 — —
28.	To the Hon̄ble Company's Cash for the Mint April Ballce.	27 — —			
		937 — —			

Errors Excepted

℘ Thomas Saunders.

Fort St. George, May 1774.

Treasury Accounts.

Arcot Rupees.

Dr. 1754. May					1754. May				Cr.
1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month's account.	294273	12	9	1st.	By Import Warehousekr. delivered him for sale.	2000	—	—
30th.	To Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master rec'd of him	160000	—	—	4th.	By Fort St. David on account of a Bill of Exchange	50250	—	—
					6.	By Import Warehousekr. delivered him for sale.	7600	—	—
					13.	By Ditto	64600	—	—
					16.	By Bengal presidency sent ℔ sloop Syren ...	75000	—	—
					23.	By Import Warehousekr. delivered him for sale.	38000	—	—
					24.	By Ditto	10000	—	—
					27.	By Ditto	9500	—	—
					28.	By Ditto	19000	—	—
					30.	By Fort St. David sent ℔ St. George ...	100000	—	—
							375950	—	—
					—	By Ballance	78323	12	9
		454273	12	9			454273	12	9

Errors Excepted

℔ Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1754 —

Fort St. George, Treasury Accounts, 1754.

Silver.

Dr.		Chests.	lbs. Oz. Pw.		Cr.	Chests.	lbs. Oz. Pw.
1754. May 16th.	To account current London rec̃d ₰ St. George	30 poiz.	8720 — —	1754. May 17.	By Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mint Master	30 poiz.	8720 — —

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Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

Madras Rupees.

Dr.				Cr.	
May 1st.	To Ballance brought from last Month ...	8320 — —	May 31st.	By Ballance	8320 — —

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Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

Current Pagodas.

Dr.				Cr.	
May 25th.	To Import Warehousekeeper rec̃d of him ...	2000 — —	May. 28th.	By the Hon̄ble Company's Cash paid in ...	2000 — —

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Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1754 —

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Madeira wine being all landed from the St. George, I have had it Survey'd by the Company's Cooper and by gauging the pipes find no more leakage than what is usual, excepting one pipe which is half out, the cost of which I shall demand of Captain Robinson, as it will take about six pipes [to] fill up the whole to make them in a proper condition to be delivered, each pipe will then cost Pagodas 40. 31. 62.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

3D. JUNE 1754.

HENRY POWNEY,
Import Wareho.kr.

LIST OF THE NECESSARIES WANTING FOR THE POWDER MILL.

Earthen Chawls	32	Brass potts	12
Do. pans large	60	Do. Hamers	6
Bamboo seives large	12	Do. Scrapers	6
Do. Do. small	24	Do. Crows	8
Europe Do. of Horsehair ...	12	Necessaries for Boiling salt Petre	12
Do. Do. of silk Gauze ...	12	Leaguers	12
Soops	36	Brass Ladles	2
Redwood Hammers	12	Do. Do. with holes	2
Tarpawlings of sorts	12	Tarpawlings of several sorts	
Canvas for the Rooms of the Powder Mill.		Broad Cloth	12 yards
Scales large	1 pr.	Rattan Basketts large ...	2
Do. small	1 do.	Do. small Do.	6

JOHN DE ROOS.

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